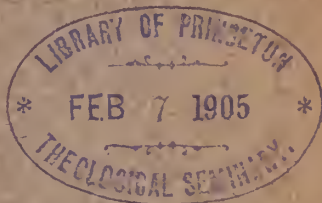


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For the year ending August, 1904.

Missionaries.

Canton:—Rev. H. V. NOYES, D.D., and Mrs. NOYES; Rev. A. A. FULTON, D.D., and Mrs. FULTON; Rev. ANDREW BEATTIE, M.A., PH.D., and Mrs. BEATTIE; Rev. J. J. BOGGS, M.A., and Mrs. BOGGS, M.D.; Rev. A. J. FISHER and Mrs. FISHER; Rev. W. D. NOYES; J. M. SWAN, M.D., and Mrs. SWAN; P. J. TODD, M.D.; Miss H. NOYES; Miss E. M. BUTLER; Miss H. LEWIS; Miss M. W. NILES, M.D.; Miss E. A. CHURCHILL; Miss N. L. READ; Miss L. DURHAM.

Lien Chau:—E. M. MACHLE, M.D., and Mrs. MACHLE; Rev. R. F. EDWARDS and Mrs. EDWARDS; Miss E. CHESNUT, M.D.; Miss E. G. PATTERSON.

Yeung Kong:—Rev. C. E. PATTON; W. H. DOBSON, M.D., and Mrs. DOBSON.

On Furlough:—Rev. G. W. MARSHALL and Mrs. MARSHALL; Mrs. KERR; Miss M. H. FULTON, M.D.

At the close of another Mission year we turn back to review the history which the months have written. We find abundant reason for thanksgiving and praise for the blessings of the past, and new hope and encouragement for the future, as we look back over a year of signal progress in every line of work. The number of names added to the church rolls—1,284—is greater than in any preceding year. The amount of the local contributions—\$11,717.00—is nearly double that of last year. Four new churches have been organized during the year, and there is promise that there will be more in the near future.

The High School and Theological Seminary has had a larger attendance than in any previous year, and the same record may be made of the True Light Seminary and other schools.

In the hospitals and dispensaries many have received not alone the healing which they sought, but also help for the sin-sick soul. On every side are promising openings for new work.

The gift of Rev. H. L. Vannuys, D.D., has made it possible to erect in Shek Lung the necessary buildings for a missionary home, and soon there will be a new centre of light in that great city.

In Lien Chan the Mary Whitmore Dwight Memorial Hall gives increased facilities for reaching and helping women there.

Dr. and Mrs. H. V. Noyes with their son, Rev. W. D. Noyes, have requested that they may be allowed to erect in memory of Richard V. Noyes, on the Mission premises at Fa-ti, a theological seminary building, including rooms for scientific purposes and calisthenics, feeling certain that this disposition of his funds would be in accordance with his wishes.

The house of worship for the Third Church of Canton, which occupies a central position in the heart of the city, has been rebuilt and very much enlarged and that of the Second Church is now being remodeled, so that it will have nearly double its former seating capacity; the amount required for making the change—\$5,000.00—being provided by local contributions.

One of the most encouraging of the "signs of the times" is the way in which the Chinese Christians are awakening to a sense of their responsibility in the work for the evangelization of China.

The chapel in which in the early days of the Mission the Rev. C. F. Preston preached daily for many years to large audiences of heathen, has recently been bought by a native Christian agency and will henceforth be the head-quarters of the Chinese Evangelization Society.

For more than a year a large number of the native Christians have observed the noonday hour of every Monday as a time of special prayer for China.

In the months of November and December of 1903, union revival and evangelistic meetings were held daily for three weeks in Canton, and proved a great blessing and spiritual uplift to the many Christians who attended them. The number of Christians passing daily through the streets on their way to and from the meetings, excited much interest and friendly comment. During the meetings eighty-five were led to accept Christianity.

Over some of the days of the year that has passed, rest the shadows of bereavement. Each station has given up one of its dear ones, and while we miss them *here* heaven seems nearer and dearer, because they are *there*.

In April our hearts went out in tender sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. Dobson when they were called to part with their little Winifred, their only child. A little violet-covered mound consecrates the Mission ground at Yeung Kong, and she is safe with the loving Saviour, who will "gather the lambs with His arm and carry them in His bosom."

On the 26th of May, Mr. Richard V. Noyes, after an illness of only three days, was taken to the home above. He had hoped for a long life of service, and when told that he could not recover, said: "To depart and be with Christ is far better. I would have liked to do more for the Lord in the world; perhaps my death will influence more those where I have been than a longer life. It is all right; He knows best."

Only a few days later, in June, another member of our circle, Rev. Edward M. Scheirer, heard the Master's call and entered into the rest that remaineth. During many days of wasting illness he grew gradually weaker, and when every other resource had failed, his faithful physician arranged to come with him to the sea coast, hoping that the change of air might restore him to health. Mr. Scheirer realized his condition, and before leaving Lien Chau calmly made his preparations for the longer journey to "the land that is very far away," if such should be

the Master's will. They had been on the way but twenty-eight hours when the end came, and it only remained for his friends to turn back and lay the lifeless form to rest in the land for whose people he had hoped to spend many years of fruitful labor. Only two years ago, impressed by the greater needs of the foreign field, he had given up a congenial pastorate in the home land and come out to give his life to missionary work. Only two years were given to him here, but "that life is *long* that answers life's great end."

In July, Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Bruce were obliged on account of the failure of Mrs. Bruce's health to return to the home land. This was a very great disappointment to them and to us all. While realizing our loss we remember that "the field is the world" and hope that they may have many happy years of service in the home land.

The need of more labours is so pressing that it seems a strange and mysterious Providence that calls away those in the morning of life, who are ready and eager for service, and seem so well fitted to be useful, so much needed.

"Some time we'll understand"

∴ God knows the way ; He holds the key,
He guides us with unerring hand,
Heav'n will the mysteries explain,
And there, up there, we'll understand."





WINIFRED DOBSON.

IN MEMORY OF WINIFRED.

*A lily bloomed in our garden
So sweet, so pure, and so fair,
Just as if a blossom from Heaven
Had rooted and opened there.*

*No earth stains blotted its petals
And we counted it, oh so dear ;
More precious than life was our lily—
But nothing abides with us here.*

*For the Master walked in our garden
And He noted our lovely flower
And stooping He plucked it, saying
“I want it to brighten My bower.*

*“The best that the earth gives birth to
I need for the Heavenly Home ;
For of such is the Kingdom’s glory
And the pure ones around My throne.”*

*And so our lily’s transplanted
To the Father’s house from our own,
While we seek to learn—first for Him
Then for us the lily had grown.*

G. H. MCNEUR.

IN MEMORIAM.

Although the name of Mr. Richard V. Noyes does not appear on the list of missionaries, yet his faithful earnest work during the year, so cheerfully given and with no expense to the Board, deserves mention. Mr. Richard V. Noyes graduated from the University of Wooster in the year of 1901. While a student he decided to devote his life to missionary work in China, and as a preparation desired to study medicine, towards which he felt strongly drawn. By this study, he thought he could do the greatest good for the cause. He at once accepted a position as assistant to Dr. H. N. Mateer, both in the University and in his private office. As time went on he grew in love with the study; it had a strong fascination for him. After spending a year in this work, he read an article written by Rev. E. B. Hodge, D.D., expressing the view that at this stage of missions the preacher of the gospel was most needed. Not wishing, however, to be too easily turned aside from his cherished purpose he wrote to Mr. Robert Speer, whose reply confirmed the view of the Rev. Dr. Hodge. Mr. Noyes then wrote to his parents in the following words: "In whatever way I can do most for the glory of God that I want to do. I will make it a matter of prayer and feel sure I shall be guided to enter either John Hopkins University or the Auburn Theological Seminary when the right time comes."

In August, 1902, he was led to accept a call to Honolulu to engage in mission work at Mills' Institute; he accepted the position for one year that he might see for himself the comparative needs of the work, and with the same thought in mind he afterwards came on to Canton to visit his parents; intending to spend one year with them, then to return to America by that time fully decided which course he should take—medicine or theology—in order to be best equipped for his future mission work. He arrived in Hongkong in the middle of July, where he received a tempting offer to engage in Y. M. C. A. work in



the colony; this he declined, not wishing to be delayed in the preparation for his life work in China. He at once began the study of Cantonese colloquial and astonished his friends by the rapidity with which he gained a working knowledge of the language; as soon as the Fa-ti school opened, September 1st, he took charge of a Sunday School class and then ever after took his turn preaching in the church in Chinese on the Sabbath and in leading the daily morning worship in the school and in conducting the weekly Chinese prayer meeting. He read through the Cantonese colloquial New Testament three times in three months and had then mastered it. He went through the books in the classical language one after another, as he taught them in the school, with wonderful facility. He also taught chemistry in the Woman's Medical College.

At the last annual meeting Mr. Noyes was asked to prepare an educational exhibit to be sent from the Presbyterian Mission to the St. Louis Exposition. This required much care and painstaking effort. He copied beautifully on the typewriter a complete history of all the different schools of the Mission. The exhibit filled two books, one containing the medical work and Dr. Mary Niles' school for the blind. The other book contained the Fa-ti High School and Theological Seminary, the true light seminary and the school under Dr. Beattie's care. Both of these books also contained photographs of the buildings, the students, the teachers, and also specimens of the student's work.

At the request of the British and Foreign Bible Society's agent in Canton, Mr. Noyes translated in Wên-li for their centennial a paper giving a history of the work of that Society during the first one hundred years of its existence, and the agent at Shanghai was so well pleased with it that he published an edition of 12,000 copies for distribution in Central and North China.

After nearly two years thus spent in actual mission work, in consideration of the greatest needs of the work, he decided

to lay aside his own preference in the matter, viz., the study of medicine and return to the United States to study theology. He had engaged his passage and expected to sail at the end of June, as he would not consent to leave until the school should close for the summer vacation, not wishing to burden others with any part of the work he had undertaken. But very early in the morning of May 26th, after three days' illness, during which he manifested in a remarkable degree the sustaining power and preciousness of the gospel, he entered the higher service, age twenty-three years, nine months and twenty days.

To the last Mr. Noyes felt a deep interest in the students of Mills' Institute, and in April he purchased from the American Bible Society nearly one hundred handsomely bound copies of the New Testament in Chinese and sent a copy to each student whom he knew. The box containing these Testaments reached Honolulu soon after a press dispatch had announced his death. The students and his many friends in Honolulu gathered to hold a memorial service. It was thought fitting that the Testaments should be distributed at that service, and after reading a letter from Mr. Noyes to the students, the boys came to the front and received his parting gift. A picture of the beloved giver was pasted in each book, and as the students sadly gazed upon it, and then turned the leaves to mark the verses he had requested them to mark, it seemed indeed true that he being dead yet spoke to them (the verses were 2nd Peter iii. 17, 18; 2 Corinthians xiii. 14). A tribute and resolutions were written and signed by the students, closing with these words:—

Whereas, in the wisdom of God it has seemed well to Him to take from us our dear friend and brother, Richard Noyes, we are

Resolved, That we will ever try to live as he would have us live, that the spirit of his beautiful, self-sacrificing life may still live on in us, and through us be the means of doing good to others as it has done good to us.

The whole of the quotation is a copied extract from *The Student*, the Mills' institute paper.



REV. E. M. SCHEIRER.

*"If one has failed to reach the end he sought,
If out of effort no great good is wrought—
It is not failure, if the object be
The betterment of man ; for all that he
Has done and suffered is but gain
To those who follow seeking to attain
The end he sought. His efforts they
Will find are guide posts on the way
To that accomplishment which he,
For some wise purpose, could not be
The factor in. There is a need
Of unsuccessful effort ; 'tis the seed
Whose mission is to lie beneath
The soil that grows the laurel wreath.
And he is not unworthy who
Falls struggling manfully to do
What must be done, in dire distress,
That others may obtain success."*

The above clipping was found among Mr. Scheirer's papers after his death.

Work under the care of A. A. Fulton, 1903-1904.

CHURCHES.

First Church.—This year has been one of great encouragement. Audiences have been large, and frequently the capacity of the church is fully tested to seat all who wish to hear. A promising work is conducted each Sunday morning by the faithful elder So To-ming. Thousands of women have attended both church and Sabbath school, and specific instruction has been given by Mrs. Fulton and Dr. Niles.

Mrs. Ho Tsz-kam, for many years a teacher in the True Light Seminary, died at the woman's hospital after a long and severe sickness. In gratitude for benefits received at the hospital Mrs. Ho directed that \$520 should be paid to the hospital, and \$200 to the First Church. Mrs. Ho had previously given \$200 to the hospital.

The First church is entirely self-supporting, and during the year 43 adults were added on confession.

Tong Ha.—This church has been the least promising in my field. Undoubtedly some of the members, when the chapel was first opened, came into the church from mixed motives, and many have not proved faithful. During the year the roll has been frequently inspected, and members have been visited, and care has been taken to induce all members to live up to their profession. During the year 21 members were added on confession, and the church is partly self-supporting.

San Ning.—Here a strong work has sprung up among the women, and it is difficult to seat the communicants at regular services. A large school is held here for boys, and 6 of their number were received on confession. The support of the church is partly by receipts from California.

This is an important centre of work, and the finest chapel in the four districts is here. So large is the attendance that a fund will soon be started for enlargement of the building. The members have over \$800, and expect to buy adjoining

buildings to be repaired for a girls school. During the year 26 adults were added on confession.

Chung Lau.—Here a new church has been organized as the results of twenty years' work, and the membership is nearly 100. Many visits were made to this field by Dr. Noyes and Mr. White when opposition was strong. After long work, fruit has appeared. The members have subscribed \$500 towards a new building. During the year 16 adults were baptized.

Chik Hom.—Here we have an excellent chapel. This church has passed through much tribulation, and is now entering upon a new era with every prospect of great fruitfulness. Chik Hom is one of the largest markets in the province, and prejudice against the gospel is no longer a strong obstacle to work. Several Bible women have held services here. The membership is scattered over a wide area, and many members will be dismissed to form churches at Heung Kiu and Shing Tong. During the year 8 members have been added on confession.

Kam U.—Work was begun here about six years ago in a small shop. At every communion service members were added until the shop could not hold the communicants. Nearly \$1,000 was subscribed and a larger building secured, and that is now full. By permission of Presbytery a church was organized, and the membership is now more than 100. During the year 13 were added on confession.

No Foo.—The same trouble exists here as in so many other places—inability to seat the membership. The chapel has been enlarged to seat the women, but plans are being made for an extensive enlargement. In addition to paying chapel keeper and incidental expenses the members are paying the salary of a colporteur to the neighboring villages. A large building in the rear of the chapel affords excellent opportunities for women's meetings.

Wong Pi.—The work here is strong proof of the value of opening preaching halls in market towns. We began with a

small shop, and succeeded in getting a fine piece of property in the centre of the market at very cheap price. The purchase was made by money given by one man from Hongkong. The gains have been steady, and we now have a membership of nearly 100. By permission of Presbytery a church was organized this year, and the membership are united and harmonious, and the work partly self-supporting. During the year 35 were added on confession.

San Ui.—Here a strong self-supporting church is the outcome of many years of work on the part of many helpers. Dr. Noyes opened work here in the same place where we now have an enlarged chapel. Then the prejudice was strong and the difficulties many. The city has a population of 250,000; and there are hundreds of villages in the neighborhood where finest openings for work are awaiting us. The preacher is the son of our oldest ordained minister, and will himself be ordained soon by permission of Presbytery and installed as pastor of the church.

CHAPELS.

I have under my care thirty-six chapels, and during the year five new chapels have been opened. These chapels have been opened at Tik Hoi, Chiu Hang, Sai Ning Shi, Yeung Kiu, and Tung Pik. The cost of opening these chapels was nearly \$2,600, and was without expense to the Board.

The *Chiu Hang* chapel is small, and was given by a few Christians in the Hok Shaan district.

Tik Hoi is in San Ning district, and has been bitterly opposed to the gospel. In this city and neighboring villages is a population of 50,000, and are all of one clan. They are a wealthy clan, and have made millions of money in the United States. Their ancestral halls and villages are the finest in the four districts. A few of the clan have become Christians in America. At last we have a shop and the permission of the gentry to sell books and to talk gospel, but not to

openly preach. This is all the liberty we crave for the present, and it will not be many years before our shop will be full of converts, and there are now applicants for baptism. One man recently handed me \$100 to help buy ground for a future church.

Sai Ning Shi.—The chapel is in the large market near our church at San Ning, and is exclusively for women. The Bible woman is always at hand to receive the women, and hundreds of women who attend the market hear the gospel at this chapel. This chapel is a refuge for persecuted women. One woman applied for baptism, and told us her relatives were much opposed to her becoming a Christian. Her husband is in California. We told her she might be beaten. She affirmed she was ready to die for the gospel. She was baptized, and that very night was badly beaten and confined to a room. The next night she escaped in the darkness with her little child and reached the woman's chapel, and is now in the True Light Seminary, and has been there for about eight months and will become a Bible woman. We hear the best reports as to her progress. During the past two years 37 women were received at the San Ning church, almost all of whom first heard the gospel at this place.

Tung Pik.—In this village the finest site was deeded to us, and an excellent chapel has been built, towards which the brethren gave in cash and labor about \$400. The chapel will seat about 200, and contains excellent rooms for men and women. At two communion services 14 men were baptized. This chapel is the outcome of labors at the market town Siu Kong, only three miles distant. At the last service nearly 200 were present, and the chapel will be a source of power in reaching other villages.

Yeung Kiu.—Here another fine chapel has been erected that will seat 200, and contains special rooms for men and women. We began here in a dark contracted shop, and have now nearly 100 members, and a church will be organized soon.

The members gave the best site in the market and helped in subscriptions. These new chapels will exert a powerful influence in their localities and on the hundreds of villages in their respective vicinities. For generous aid in helping us to open these and other chapels I am indebted to the Second Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, Pa.; the Covenant Church of Washington; the Market Square Church, Harrisburg, Pa.; the Covenant Church, Harrisburg, Pa.; the First Church, Schenectady, N. Y.; the First Church, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; the First Church, Jersey City; the Presbyterian Church, Waynesboro, Pa., and to some individual gifts on the part of friends interested in this field. Without this specific aid these important places could not have been opened.

In the *Yan Ping* district are fifteen chapels. The work at *Yan Ping* city has been very encouraging, and the members have subscribed \$350 towards a new building. At the last communion service 34 adults were baptized. During the year 51 adults were received on confession. At *Tsung Shu* we have a neat church, and the work is spreading to the villages. Two Bible women have done faithful work here, and during the year 39 adults were added on confession.

Work has been opened only recently at Long Tai and No Kat, and here there are several applicants for baptism. At every out-station some converts have been received. In San Ning I have ten chapels. Grouped around San Ning city are the chapels Chung Lau, Sz Kau, Ng Shap, Lai Chi Hong. At Lai Chi Hong a school is supported entirely by native contributions. At Sz Kau five brethren pay \$40 towards teacher's salary. The work at Chik Hom, San Ning, and Chung Wan is supported entirely by native money; much of this coming from California.

In the *Hoi Ping* district I have four chapels. Three of these are in close relationship with Chik Hom, and are all in important market towns. We have an excellent chapel at Hin Kong, and here is a growing work. Scores of new villages

are found in close vicinity of this market town. During the year 30 adults were added here on confession. At Pak Sha, for years the work languished on account of a poorly equipped workman. A better man has taken his place, and at last service two bright men were baptized, one of whom will enter the Training School at Fa Ti.

In *San Ui* we have six chapels, and ought to open soon a dozen more. The city of Kong Mun, with more than 100,000 inhabitants, must have soon a chapel. We have there 20 brethren, and they will provide \$400, but we must have \$1,500 to enable us to get a suitable shop.

At *Sha Tui* we have a very comfortable chapel, and have now nearly 30 members. During the year 15 were added here on confession.

Large market towns are now open to us in San Ui, and we must press in and occupy them, as the district is one of the most populous and wealthy in the province.

Summing up briefly, I can say that the year has given me more cause for gratitude than my labors in any previous year. There is a stronger conviction on the part of the members that they are personally responsible for the propagation and support of the gospel. At the different chapels more than 800 men and women promised to try to bring in at least one unconverted person during the year. Since last year five chapels have undertaken the support of their chapel keepers and all incidental expenses. Three churches have been organized, and three more will be organized soon. The work among women is spreading, due almost entirely to the labors of the Bible women, aided by the women at different out-stations. I have endeavored to impress strongly on all the helpers and members the fact that they are to receive only temporary help, and that our distinct, specific aim is the founding of self-supporting churches.

I believe these results can best be obtained by helping the Christians in the building of their churches. It is a doubtful

question which agency is of the greater value, a native preacher, or a neat commodious chapel. In opening work in new towns we must in the beginning supply the funds, but where there are Christians no aid should be given until the Christians have all given all they can towards the enlargement of the work.

SCHOOLS.

Five schools have been under my care. The most promising school is at San Ning with 27 pupils; each pupil paying \$2.50 per year for tuition. The teacher is a Christian and a graduate of the first degree, and several bright youths have been received from this school on confession of faith. The teacher at Tsung Shu was a failure, and it has been with difficulty that we could hold the school.

At Waan Kung and at Yeung Lau Paan we have schools conducted by Christian men, At Sz Kau the school receives from members \$40 towards the teacher's salary, and at Lau Chi Hong the school is self-supporting.

It is my conviction that we should begin to insist strongly that the Christians should support their own teachers. As the churches become stronger, they will undoubtedly support not only their own pastors but their own teachers, and this we should urge as being their reasonable duty. At present we may have, for a time, to support a few schools with strong teachers in order to get bright scholars for our training schools, but the ordinary school with its commonplace teacher at Mission expense is, in my judgment, about the poorest outlay to which Mission money can be put.

During the year I have received on confession 502 adults, and the money raised by the native Christians was \$3,300.

At the recent meeting of Presbytery four young men, who have been preaching for some years, were taken under care of Presbytery, and after a proper course of study, will be examined, and if qualified, will be ordained and placed over churches.

Report of Andrew Beattie.

The year under review has been one of the most interesting and encouraging in the history of my mission work. There has been an increasing number of applicants for baptism and a deeper interest on the part of the Christians. The number received has been the largest I have had the pleasure of receiving. The amount received for the support of the work has also largely increased. Some have turned back and walk no more with us. Others have grown cold. Such falling away makes the heart sad. But even Christ found not all His followers faithful. The servant cannot hope to be above his master even in this. On the other hand, there have been conspicuous examples of heroic faith. Through evil report and good report many have stood as lights set on an hill. It may be fairly questioned whether in the home lands there is a larger percentage of bright active Christians than is to be found in these fields. Yet we cease not to pray for and expect a quickening of the spiritual life of the native church.

I have had six organized churches under my care. These six churches represent twenty-six congregations. Seventy-two communion services have been held. Three hundred and forty-eight adults baptized and twenty-two infants. For convenience in reporting the chapels, are grouped round the church with which they are connected.

CANTON THIRD CHURCH.

(a) *Sz Pai Lau Chapel*.—The work in this field has been very much interrupted by the rebuilding and enlarging of the house of worship. This new building has been completed and was opened a few days ago. It has the largest auditorium in the city and presents a very pleasant appearance. Large classrooms are on the first floor and the auditorium on the

second floor. It is seated for 550, but can accommodate 700 or 800. During the year the work of the church has been carried on in the *Sheung Mun Tai* chapel, which will now pass from under the care of the Mission and the work will henceforth be carried on from Sz Pai Lau, the Third Church. The year has been an encouraging one in this church. Much of the preaching has been done by the members. The baptisms have been larger than last year, numbering forty-one. The series of evangelistic meetings held last November did much to quicken the spiritual life of the people. They were largely attended. The English school continues to draw a number of fine young men to our services. All services have been well attended. The women's work, under Miss Churchill, has grown and several women have been baptized. The only real hindrance to our work has been the lack of room. The new church will remove this difficulty and the coming year should be rich in blessing.

(b) *Leper Village*.—We have had another good year. Eighteen have been baptized. During the winter, friends in Canton and Hongkong contributed several hundred dollars for relief work among the lepers. With this money we were able to feed 500 lepers two days every week for several weeks. Nearly \$5,000 for the lepers has been secured from other sources. A school for the untainted children will soon be built. The Leper Mission of Edinburgh has given liberal donations for the current expenses and the building fund. As our friends supply the means we hope to make life brighter and less miserable for these afflicted people. Their smiles and words of welcome at every visit amply repay for any work done. Friends at home who have sent us help have our best thanks.

(c) *Cheung Pan*, fifteen miles east from Canton city.—This has been a poor year for this chapel. The assistant has been ill half the time. Few attend the preaching. A clan fight has stopped all work. It is doubtful whether this chapel



LEPER ELDERS.

should be continued. There have been no baptisms. It is the one dead spot in our work.

(d) *Wang Chi Kong*.—Our little chapel here continues to prosper. The members attend the services well and take an interest in the work. The people are poor and work is hard. Two have been baptized.

THE TUNG KUN DISTRICT.

In this district we have three organized churches with eight congregations. The year has been a quiet one and the work encouraging. The centre of the work is *Shek Lung*. A series of special services in Shek Lung at the beginning of the Chinese New Year did much to rouse the Christians and to make known the gospel to the heathen. In ten days about 8,000 persons attended the services. During these days Mr. Fisher and I distributed several thousands of tracts and invitations. All classes attended the services, from the poorest coolie to the highest official. Several conversions occurred and the simple proclamation of the gospel was listened to with deep interest. The elders of this church have done much evangelistic work. They have conducted services in the church and in neighboring villages. The splendid gift of \$5,000 gold for a station and the prospect of a resident missionary at this centre gives promise of better things for the future. The Sunday services have improved in attendance. The C. E. Society has done good work. The baptisms have numbered thirty-two.

(a) *Li Po Shui* is in the Pok Lo district, but is just across the river from Shek Lung city. The elders have conducted services in the house of one of the members. Several of those baptized at Shek Lung were from Li Po Shui.

(b) *Uk Ha* is ten miles from Shek Lung.—The work here has been interesting. The clan fight came to an end and the applicants for baptism were examined and twenty-nine baptized. The people have been faithful to their

promises. A neat chapel has been built by the people, costing about \$700. No contributions have been asked from outsiders. The chapel will be dedicated in October, and an assistant stationed there to teach the people. The village, without exception, is favorable to Christianity and with proper instruction should soon accept the gospel.

The Liu Po Church.—The chapel has been enlarged to accommodate the congregation. The members gave nearly all the money and did much of the work. The attendance is very good on Sunday, the best in my field. At every communion service there have been many applicants. Twenty-one have been baptized. The members are drawn from the farmer class and few of them can read. Yet they attend so well at all the services that they grow in knowledge and in spiritual life. Plague was very bad in the market. Several members died. The preacher lost his eldest daughter, and the chapel was practically closed for six weeks. It is always a pleasure to visit this station because of the enthusiastic welcome received.

The Yeung Mui Church.—This church has five congregations, four of which are Hakka. It is a country church, and the instruction of the people is difficult. (a) At *Tai Tong* (Lin Tong chapel) the work has grown under the preaching of Wong Wan. Sixteen have been baptized. The attendance has been far from what it should be and the offerings for the work have been small. But the people are learning that the work is theirs and must be supported by them. But money contributions from a poor congregation are difficult to get. When the members will take the management and pay their preacher in rice and other food as they do their teachers, then and not before can this congregation and others like it be made self-supporting. (b) *Yau K'u Ling* is a Christian village. Only five families are without Christians, or members of the church, and these do not worship idols. All the people of the village can be called either members or adherents.



LIN TONG CHAPEL.—built for \$300.

Twelve have been baptized and much good work has been done. This is a place where we need a small chapel badly. The people are very poor and cannot build for themselves. \$400 would build a chapel and greatly help the work. The members would do most of the work. (c) *San Wai* has done little the past year. The members have been taught to rely on the Mission for all they need, and the result is that, with one or two exceptions, the members are worthless. We must either give up this chapel or begin anew and in a different way. The members to be communicants must be ready to take some part in the support of the work. This congregation was taken over from the Basel Mission a few years ago. (d) *Yeung Mui* chapel is in the country, and no street preaching is possible. The assistant visits the people in their homes and is kindly received everywhere. He is often called in to settle disputes among the heathen. The work of teaching the Christians and the applicants is very difficult. The people are very poor and have very little leisure. Very few can read. The Sunday service is often the only time they have to receive instruction. Four have been baptized. A school in the chapel has brought a number of the parents to see the children, and in this way they have heard the gospel.

The Tai Fun Church.—This church was organized early in the year. Sixty-two members were received by letter from the Shek Lung Church and thirty-eight have been received by baptism. This church has four congregations. (a) *Tung Kun* city.—This chapel has been the mother of all four congregations, and because of this the attendance is small. One after another a new congregation has been organized and gone out from Tung Kun. There have been baptisms at every communion, giving a total of eleven. Most of these are from neighboring villages, where they will in time start independent congregations. (b) *Tai Fan*.—This congregation has shown little life during the year. A number of the members have grown cold. This is largely due to the want of a proper

chapel. Few can be seated in the little room we now occupy. Then in summer it is almost unbearably hot. The members have subscribed \$300 and Chinese in Australia about \$400, but this is about half the amount needed. However, we hope that before another year is past we will have a new chapel. (c) *Sin Sha*.—This is a new congregation, an offshoot from Tung Kung. The members have given a building to the Mission for a chapel. This they provided at an expense of over \$400. They have borrowed \$400 to repair the building, giving their written promise to repay the amount in instalments of \$50 annually. They have asked no gift from any one. The attendance has been good at all services. Plague was very bad during the summer, and most of the people left the village for several weeks. Twenty men have been baptized. The village of 1,000 is very favorably inclined to the gospel. This is a promising center. (d) *To Kau* has only been visited once, as there is no place to meet. The members come to Tai Fan or Tung Kun on Sundays and communion services. The members are anxious to have a chapel of their own, but they have not the means at present. There are 30,000 people in the city, and as yet no chapel. The Christians have presented the Mission with a lot costing them \$150, but there is not the wherewithal to build.

TSANG SHING DISTRICT.

We have three congregations in this district. The members are enrolled in the Shek Lung church, but are too far distant to meet in Shek Lung. A new church will soon be organized at Tsang Shing city. (a) *Sam Kong* chapel has shown a decided improvement over the past few years. Nine persons have been baptized, the largest number in many years. The members show more interest in the work and have been attending Sunday services better than formerly. The country about Sam Kong is very poor. The people are able to make a very scanty living, so that the contributions towards the

work are very small. (b) *Tsang Shing* city.—We have been encouraged here by the purchase of a new building for a chapel. This is the gift of some warm friends in Santa Clara, California. Ever since the work began we have been meeting in a small, dirty room, illy ventilated and poorly adapted for our work. When our new building has been put in order we will have comfortable quarters and the work should, and we trust will be, much more prosperous. Plague was very bad during the summer. One of our best members died. At the communion service in June there were plague patients in the three adjoining houses. Seven men and one woman have been baptized. (c) *Ching Kwo*.—There has been a slackening in the activity of the Christians at this point. A few still talk the gospel in season and out of season. But this is not general, as it was last year. Still we have much evidence of the Spirit's presence. Ten have been baptized and the enquirers are not few.

THE SHUN TAK DISTRICT.

We have now seven chapels in this district. The first chapel was opened in 1900. In all parts of the district there are splendid opportunities to preach the gospel. Several large cities have asked for chapels. Three of the chapels opened this year were fitted up by the Christians and given to the Mission free of charge. The gifts of the friends who responded to the "Plea for Shun Tak," will enable us to equip at least three chapels. But many more are needed. The future of the Mission in Shun Tak depends very largely upon what is done during the next year or two. We must gain our foothold now or it will be too late. The ground will be occupied by others. The field needs very careful working. The Triad Society is strong in the field, and members of this Society seek admission to the church from unworthy motives. Many more are after the "Loaves and Fishes." Our chapels are as follows:—

(a) *Tai Leung*.—The work has made good progress in and around Tai Leung. We are still in the small chapel in the private garden of one of our members, Mr. Lo. A fine lot has been purchased, and we had hoped that a chapel would have been built ere now. The gift of \$1,000 from Rev. Mr. Vennuys will enable our members to build a nice church. The members have subscribed about \$6,000, of which \$2,500 have been paid for a lot. The difficulties met with in getting a clear deed to the lot, and the underhand dealings of the magistrate, have delayed the building. However we feel confident that before many months have passed we will have our new chapel. Thirty members were received, and the sixty-nine who had been in connection with the Third Church, brought letters, and a church to be known as the Tai Leung Church was organized early in the year. Three elders were ordained. The elders have done most of the preaching and the evangelistic work in connection with the chapel. An assistant has been put in charge and is doing good work.

(b) *Tai Leung Shap I Mau*.—One of the elders of the Tai Leung Church prepared a chapel in the east end of the city and gave it to the Mission. A large number of people have attended the street preaching. The services have been all conducted by the elder, in whose garden the chapel is.

(c) *Chan Tsun*.—The chapel in this large city was opened for preaching early in the year. The Tai Leung brethren contributed \$100 towards the repairs on the chapel. A young graduate of the Theological Seminary is stationed here, and is doing satisfactory work. The people have been friendly, and there has been no opposition to our work. The attendance at the services is good. The local officials call frequently and talk with the preacher. Our first communion service was held May 7th, when seven men were baptized. Since then the number of enquirers have increased, and upwards of twenty have applied for baptism.

(d) *Ngoi Tsun*.—This work began a little over a year ago. Some men came to Canton and invited me to open a chapel in their village. The chapel and all expenses and half of the preacher's salary are provided by the people. A neat chapel was given to the Mission, all ready for use. During the year seventy-one persons have been baptized. There are none in the village who oppose the gospel. All classes and all ages, men and women, attend the services. Last spring the neighboring village put up placards announcing their determination to kill the Christians and destroy the chapel. Later in the year threats were again made. The matter was brought to the attention of the officials, but nothing was done to prevent trouble. In June a band of roughs from the neighboring village entered Ngoi Tsun and looted several houses of Christians and partly destroyed the chapel. The matter has not yet been settled. The district magistrate promises anything and will do nothing. Our work is at a standstill, because we lack a proper house to meet in. Sunday services are held in the Ancestral Hall. What effect the persecution may have upon these weak brethren I cannot now say. That some will go back is almost certain. We hope that many may be strengthened. Miss Durham opened a school in the village and several women were among the baptized.

(e) *Kau Kong*.—This chapel is classed with those in Shun Tak, but it is in the Nam-hoi district, just across the boundary line. We have had to give up the chapel we had last year. The owner of the *land* on which the shop was built objected to having the chapel there. After a good deal of talking we decided to give up this place. Two shops were offered for sale and we bought them. One will soon be repaired, and we hope that the question of having a chapel in Kau Kong is settled. It is over twenty years since the first attempt to secure a chapel was made. The assistant, Ho Kwai Tak, has done good work. Nine of the men baptized in Sz Pai Lau were from Kau Kong. We look for a good work in

this city. The population is upwards of 100,000. The people are well-to-do and intelligent. No gambling is allowed in the place. This is a most important opening.

(f) *Tung Ma Ning*.—A few of the Tai Leung Christians live in Tung Ma Ning. The distance from Tai Leung is fifteen miles. This year these Christians asked for a chapel in their village. I explained that if they were really in earnest about the matter they would provide their own chapel. This they did, and now have a chapel and pay all their expenses. About thirty men are studying the gospel and have asked for baptism, and the attendance is large.

(g) *Kwai Chau*.—This is a large city about ten miles from Tai Leung. Several of the Tai Leung members live here. These men have fitted up a chapel, and an assistant has been sent to work amongst the people. This is one of the largest cities in this district and should be the centre of a large work. The son of one of our native pastors lives in this city and does a good work, preaching and teaching. He is a doctor and is an earnest Christian.

FA UN DISTRICT.

The work of this district has been handed over to the New Zealand Mission. The members still remain in connection with our church and will probably so remain until the Presbyterian Church of China is formed.

SCHOOLS.

Four schools for boys have been under my care this year. Lack of funds necessitated the closing of six.

Shek Lung School, pupils enrolled	22	contributions	\$	20.00
Yeung Mui " " "	19	"		30.00
Leper School " "	15	"		12.00
Sz Pai Lau (English) "	62	"		933.75

The Shek Lung school has not been a success. The teacher has been sick a good part of his time. The Yeung Mui School has been under the care of an experienced teacher, and

has done good work. All the pupils attend prayers in the chapel every morning and preaching service on Sunday. The school has been a help to the work of the chapel.

The leper school has gone on slowly. The boys learn a good deal of Christian doctrine. Even if they do not learn many characters they have something to help them to pass the time. The life of a leper boy is not a bright or happy one.

The English school at Sz Pai Lau has had a trying year. The building of the new church deprived us of a room. Sheung Mun Tai was our home for a time, but proved too small and dark. Then the boys rented a native school building, and that was our home until we moved back to Sz Pai Lau. The numbers have not fallen off, and the work done has been good. Miss Burlingame has done most of the teaching. Of the boys fifteen are sons of officials. At the opening of the new church these boys with others attended the services and sang in English "Bringing in the Sheaves." This is perhaps the first instance when a dozen and more of the sons of officials voluntarily took part in the opening of a place of worship. The school has brought numbers of young men to church. Mr. Fisher and Miss Churchill have also given instruction in the school.

One girls' school has been under my care. Fifteen girls have been in attendance. Fairly good work has been done.

Six colporteurs have been under my direction. They have done much preaching and have sold many books.

In reviewing my work for the past year a few things call for special mention. I wish to bear testimony to the faithful work of the native helpers, without whom my work could not have been done. Some of them have proved very faithful. It would be strange if among thirty helpers none should be found lacking. But the large majority of them have worked well and acceptably. The salaries paid is often not sufficient to allow anything but the necessities of life. Yet comparatively

little murmuring has been heard. Again, the conditions in the field have remained much as they were last year. The doors continue open. Invitations to begin new work have been many. The applicants for baptism have increased. There is still the same longing for protection in the case of trouble and law suits. There is the same need of watchfulness lest unworthy persons creep into the church.

The spiritual life of many of the Christians is growing, but many have only a name to live.

One grave danger lies before the church. So many new members are being received that the church is becoming an unwieldy mass of uneducated ignorant men and women, ignorant of the Bible and its teaching. Enough is learned to pass the examination before the session. The evidence of conversion is there. But there has not been and cannot be with the present force the careful shepherding of the flock. Christ's command, "Feed my lambs," has been neglected, is neglected to-day. The scarcity of workers make this important part of the work almost impossible. Yet the future of our work depends almost altogether on how we train the men we receive into the fellowship of the church. The danger increased as the numbers increase. A spirit of freedom and independence comes over the Christians after entering the church. This spirit can only lead to good as it is properly directed. Left to itself it will cause untold mischief. In several places it is making itself known.

In superintending my work I have spent 121 days itinerating, conducted over 350 services, administered the Lord's Supper 73 times, examined over 600 candidates, baptized 348 adults and 22 infants and travelled nearly 3,000 miles. The total contributions have been \$4,199.50.

I wish to thank the many friends who have taken part in my work. Your prayers, your gifts and your letters have all been appreciated. The gifts of the men and boys of the South St. Presbyterian Church, Morristown, N. J., have been

applied to my work. The friends and Sunday School in Santa Clara, California, have not forgotten me and have made glad the hearts of many of the native brethren. The Missionary Society of Sea and Land Church sends its help. The Chinese in Philadelphia have supported a preacher under my care. The Beattie Band of Springland, L. I., remembers me every year. To all these friends and many others I express my thanks and ask for them a blessing in the work they are doing.

ADDITIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS ACCORDING TO CHAPELS.

CHAPELS.	ADDITIONS.				CONTRIBUTIONS.	
Sz Pai Lau, Canton	...	41	...	...	\$320.00	
Leper Village	...	18	...	...	10.00	
Wang Chi Kong	...	2	...	...	3.00	
Ngoi Tsun	...	71	...	...	700.00	
Kau Kong	...	9	...	...	70.00	
Chan Tsun	...	7	...	...	40.00	
Tung Ma Ning	40.00	
Tai Leung	...	30	...	...	1,550.00	
Shek Lung	...	32	...	...	96.00	
Sam Kong	...	8	...	...	9.50	
Tsang Shing...	...	8	...	...	22.00	
Ching Kwo	...	10	...	...	15.00	
Uk Ha	...	29	...	...	600.00	
Liu Po	...	21	...	...	59.00	
Tai Tong	...	16	...	...	12.00	
Yau Ku Ling	...	12	...	...	8.50	
San Wai	3.50	
Yeung Mui	...	4	...	...	14.00	
Tung Kung	...	11	...	...	19.00	
Sin Sha	...	20	...	...	550.00	
Tai Fan	...	7	...	...	58.00	
Cheung Pan (no returns.)						

Kwai Chau, Shap Sam Mau, Kau Kong, Wong Lin, Sheung Mun Tai have no separate report, but are included in the above, as they are worked in connection with other chapels.

Preachers, 15; Colporteurs, 7; School Teachers, male, 4; female, 1; Scholars, 118 boys and 15 girls.

Total Contributions.—Evangelistic, \$4,199.50; Educational, \$995.75.
Grand Total, \$5,195.25.

Report of Rev. A. J. Fisher.

Mr. Fisher's work has been mainly the study of the language. Early in the year he was examined on the work prescribed by the Mission for the first year and passed a satisfactory examination. In addition to helping in the Sz Pai Lau English school, which has been mentioned elsewhere, Mr. Fisher accompanied Dr. Beattie on several trips. The trip to Shek Lung was the most noteworthy. For ten days he rendered valuable assistance in the week of special services which were held in Shek Lung in February. During those days he went about the streets with Dr. Beattie handing invitations to the people to attend the services and distributing thousands of sheet tracts. Another part of Mr. Fisher's work was preparing plans for the residence at Shek Lung which he and Mrs. Fisher expect to occupy. The plans for the residence have been approved by the Property Committee and the contract for the erection of the house has been let. The house will be built on a beautiful site just at the entrance of Shek Lung on its west side. Three acres of land having been purchased for a mission compound.

High School and Theological Seminary.

Rev. H. V. NOYES, D.D.

Rev. J. J. BOGGS.

Rev. WILLIAM D. NOYES.

In the year covered by this report we were ably assisted by Mr. Richard Noyes, who gave to the school faithful and hard work—too hard, in fact, but he was eager to accomplish as much as possible while here. Just before his contemplated return to America he died, after a very brief illness. His intention was to study theology to prepare for a life of service in China. He loved this land of his birth and the people here, and he possessed rare natural gifts and educational attainments that equip one for great usefulness. In his stu-



GRADUATING CLASS, FA-TI THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

dent life at Wooster, in his teaching at Honolulu, and afterward here, he manifested high scholarship, a most earnest spirit and a deep interest in the spiritual welfare of those under his influence.

In the course of the year, also, we have lost three of the four Chinese teachers who had been with us for some years. One has gone to teach and preach in Honolulu, making four of our graduates who have gone to do missionary work in the Hawaiian Islands. Another is teaching and studying at the Christian College. The places vacated by these teachers have been filled by our own graduates of former years.

The attendance has been larger than in any previous year. The number enrolled in the first half of this year was 121, of whom 82 were in the high school and 39 in the theological department. The average attendance was 100, all that the buildings can accommodate. The graduating class this year numbered five, all of whom are now doing good service for the Mission in preaching and teaching. One of these, after his return to Lien Chow, successfully passed the government examinations and won his degree, the highest on the list, though there were 600 competitors. His success gives prestige to the school in which he teaches and to Christianity in the community in which he lives. Besides the graduates of the regular theological department, 6 have gone out this year from the normal or special theological course and are now doing efficient work for the Mission.

The physical and chemical apparatus have been increased at a cost of \$500 Mexican, thus greatly aiding the work in those lines. There is a growing appreciation of Western knowledge among the students. Our work this year has been impeded somewhat by the ramifications of a secret society in our midst. The Chinese are very prone to this sort of thing, so subversive of good order and discipline. Being now rid of the mischief-makers we hope for peace and tranquillity.

The Y. M. C. A. and C. E. Society have done good work.

The students have been enthusiastic in conducting evangelistic services in the surrounding villages on Sabbath afternoons, mostly under the leadership of Mr. Lui, who is now about to return to his mission work among the Chinese in New Zealand. In their preaching and singing services they have reached villages at a distance of several miles. A number have done mission work through their summer vacation.

Curriculum of the High School and Theological Seminary.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

First Year.

Mark—Memorized and explained.
Mental Arithmetic.
Written Arithmetic—First Part.
Nature Study.
Chinese.

Second Year.

John—Memorized and explained.
Written Arithmetic—Second Part.
Geography.
Elementary Physiology.
Elementary Physics.
Chinese.

Third Year.

Acts—Life of Paul.
Written Arithmetic—Third Part.

Physics.
Physical Geography.
Chinese.

Fourth Year.

Old Testament—as arranged.
Algebra.
Physics.
Elementary Astronomy.
Chinese.

Fifth Year.

Paul's Epistles.
Geometry.
Physics.
Geology.
Chinese.

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: REGULAR COURSE.

First Year.

Old Testament Study—with Exegesis.
New Testament Study—with Exegesis.
Homiletics.
Evidences of Christianity.
Universal History.
Chinese Classics.

Second Year.

Scripture—with Exegesis.

Systematic Theology.
Church History.
Confession of Faith.
Chinese Classics.

Third Year.

Scripture—with Exegesis.
Natural Theology.
Psychology and Ethics.
Comparative Study of Religions.
Church Government and Discipline.

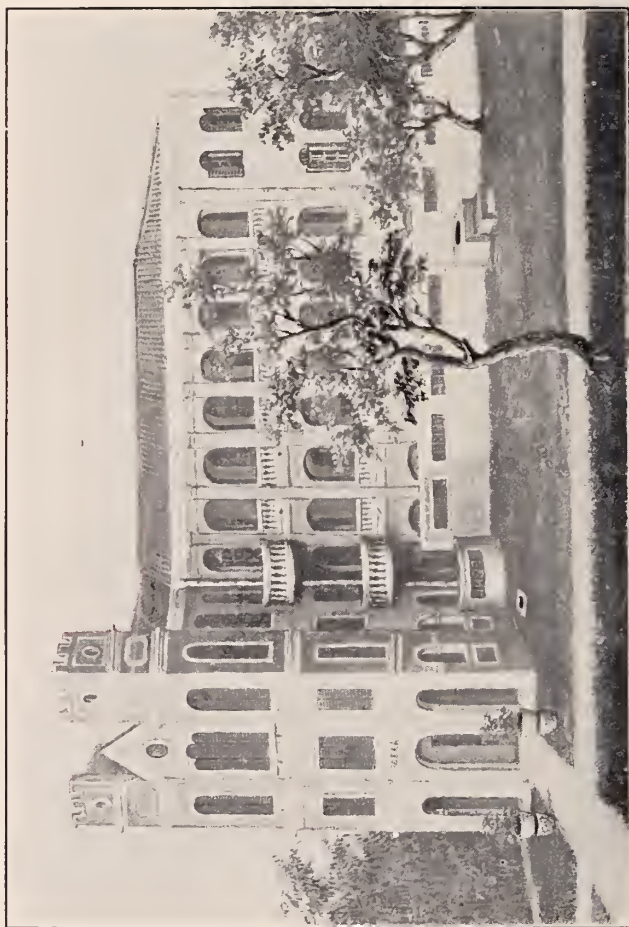
NORMAL COURSE.

First Year.

The Gospels—with the Harmony.
Old Testament History.
Systematic Theology.
Evidences of Christianity.
Geography.

Second Year.

Acts—Life of Paul.
The Epistles.
Natural Theology.
Church History.
Church Government and Discipline.



TRUE LIGHT SEMINARY.

Dr. Noyes reports that the usual services of the Fati church have been held during the year. Nine men and women joined the church on profession of faith. Of this number seven were students in the high school. Of the others, four were from a large village about forty miles from Canton. A doctor there had learned something of the gospel from native Christians in Shanghai; had then studied his Bible and now and then entertained as guests' colporteurs passing through his village. He and his wife joined the church first, afterward his son, and also a friend of his wife. The doctor holds a meeting at his home regularly on the Sabbath for his own family and any neighbors who may wish to attend.

Dr. Noyes, as a member of the Shanghai Conference Union Committee, has prepared a Commentary on Hosea, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi, thus completing his share of the work, viz., from the fortieth chapter of Isaiah to the end of Malachi. The committee of seven on the whole of the Old Testament has now finished its work, and the whole will soon be in print. The Commentary, prepared by the committee on the whole of the New Testament, was issued some five years ago. The fact that the first edition is already exhausted, and another edition is called for, shows that the Commentary has been found generally acceptable. Beyond the direct object it has to make the Scriptures better understood, it is also one of these bonds of union that are drawing into closer fellowship the church of God in China.

True Light Seminary.

Miss H. NOYES.

Miss E. M. BUTLER.

Miss H. LEWIS.

During the past year 222 pupils have been enrolled. Of this number 28 were in the advanced department, 68 intermediate, 64 primary, and 62 were in the women's department. Among the number are some very promising students; we

would especially mention a large class of young women who have made excellent progress.

Twenty-three have united with the "Second Church"—thirteen women and ten girls. As the summer term closed earlier than usual the pupils were not here to attend the communion services in June, and several who expected to apply for baptism at that time were scattered to their homes in the country, but will doubtless be received later. Twelve have commenced work as teachers and five as Bible women.

Three more from the woman's department were employed during the summer vacation as Bible women, and early in the year two others went to Shek Lung to aid in the evangelistic services held there.

The instruction given has been much as in former years. The pupils are much interested in the new books, which have been prepared by progressive Chinese scholars, several of which have been added to the curriculum. Thirty-two of the scholars have taken lessons in instrumental music and a small class has commenced the study of English. Exercises in calisthenics have been given regularly.

The contributions during the year have amounted to \$222.35, distributed as follows: Missionary Society, \$35.00; C. Endeavor, \$13.66; Junior Endeavor, \$3.78; cemetery wall, \$28.30; Book Loaning Association, \$11.50; Home for aged Christians, \$25.85; Sabbath morning offering, \$24.26; and for the church, \$80.

At the close of the winter term, four of our corps of eight teachers were obliged to leave—one on account of failure of health; another to teach, as had been previously arranged in connection with the London Mission, to which she belongs; the third to go with her husband to Hongkong; and the fourth to take up the study of medicine. Two others had been considering the question of entering the medical college, but after long and prayerful consideration concluded that for them the call of duty lay in the line of teaching. We were able to

fill the vacant places with new teachers from the ranks of the students.

One who has long been a most trusted and capable teacher in the Seminary, Mrs. Ho Tsz-kam, has finished her work and entered into rest. Although a constant sufferer, she faithfully taught her classes through many years, and a large band of Bible women, widely scattered through the province, are now giving to others the Christian lessons which they received from her. She had no children, but had adopted two, who were as her own daughters. One of these is now Dr. Shi, of the David Gregg Hospital, who tenderly cared for her during the last months of her life. The other, after leaving the Seminary, became a teacher, but was only given a short time for service here, and more than a year ago was taken to the heavenly home.

During her last lingering and painful illness, Mrs. Ho waited longingly through many months for the Master's welcome call. For many years she held the office of deaconness in the Second Church.

In death as in life her chief thought was for the advancement of Christ's kingdom, and she bequeathed \$400.00 to the True Light Seminary, and left bequests to the First Church and Woman's Hospital as mentioned elsewhere.

Several months since we had an interesting visit from the wife of a mandarin. She came with her attendants and spent some days in the school, attending all the meetings and enjoying the different exercises. When she left, it was with the promise to come soon again and to send her daughter to study the next term. But we have not had another visit from her; very likely adverse influences were brought to bear to deter her from carrying out her purpose. She could read well, and was much interested in Christian books, and as she took some home with her we hope that through them her interest may be deepened and that some time we may see or hear from her again.

The union revival and evangelistic meeting held in November and December excited the greatest interest and enthusiasm; even the smallest pupils walking long distances to attend them. It was most gratifying to find that public opinion had changed so much as to make it possible for them to walk through the streets without hearing a word of disrespect or criticism, but instead often remarks were made in favor of the new custom. At the time of the communion season in September ninety women came in from the country to attend the services.

We are much indebted to Dr. Niles for medical attendance at the Seminary, and care of patients who have been sent to the hospital.

Last autumn we had the pleasure of welcoming Miss Nellie L. Read, who came to join our Mission, and has made her home with us. While her time has been mainly spent in the study of the language, we have appreciated her interest and ready helpfulness in the work.

HOSPITAL, SCHOOL.—In care of Miss Noyes.

The school has been taught by Mrs. Wong. Seventy-five have been under instruction for a longer or shorter time. Eight of these have embraced Christianity and been received into the church.

Mrs. Lau has visited the school regularly.

Chan A-oi, the blind Bible woman, has continued her work in the villages near her home, and some who have been brought by her to the light, have been received into the Second Church.

Chan Yuk-kwai has been employed in connection with the dispensary at Fong-tsuen, and spent part of her time in visiting country villages.

Of those supported from the orphan fund, one has commenced teaching, one has died, and three are continuing their studies—we hope in preparation for future usefulness.

Report of Miss E. M. Butler.

My work in connection with the Seminary consists of class work with the Christian and non-Christian women ; a weekly Bible class of Sabbath school teachers ; also taking charge in turn of the regular meetings of the school, planning out and drilling the pupils in rhetorical exercises and giving calisthenics.

In the girls day-school under my care, located in the western part of Canton and taught by Mrs. Chan, forty pupils have been enrolled, with an average attendance of thirty-six. All went well with the school until the middle of June, when the plague which had been in the neighborhood for some time attacked the teacher's infant son, and he died in a few hours. The school was then closed for some weeks.

The teacher and some of her pupils attend the First Church. A goodly number of women are always present at every visit made to the school by the one in charge. A Bible woman who resides with the teacher, is faithful in the performance of her duty.

The past year has been the most prosperous in the history of the boys school. Sixty-seven pupils have been enrolled ; average attendance fifty-seven. The health of the pupils has been fairly good up to the middle of June, when one boy had the plague ; he went home and recovered and is now with us again. Three boys united with the Second Church, another who became a Christian preferred to wait until his return to San-ning, his native place, and unite with the church there. Mrs. Lau and her daughter have charge of the school and manage the boys most successfully.

Report of Miss H. Lewis.

In addition to work in the True Light Seminary I have had charge of the following day-schools for girls and chapels for women :—

<i>Wing Fuk.</i> —Teacher, Mrs. YEUNG ; pupils 21	
<i>Pooi San,</i> ,, ,, PONG ,, 40	
<i>In Wa Fong,</i> ,, ,, LEUNG ,, 30	
<i>Kwaan Shuk,</i> ,, ,, HO ,, 30	
<i>Chan To,</i> ,, ,, IU ,, 36	

The whole number of scholars in these five schools is 157; the average attendance, with the exception of Kwaan Shuk, has been unusually large, as they have been unaffected in any marked degree by the plague. This has not been the case since its first appearance in 1894. The Kwaan Shuk school was equally prosperous the first half of the year. But one teacher died of plague last year, and the teacher who continued the school and was greatly beloved, was taken ill after a few months, and went to the hospital, and though a good substitute was provided, many of the scholars were superstitious about returning at once to school. This being the situation in April, when the Mission required me to close one of the schools on account of the cut, I selected this one, although I feel sure it would soon have regained its former prosperity.

Very many women have had the truths of the gospel carefully explained to them in all of the chapels.

Report of Miss E. A. Churchill.

In reviewing the work of the past year we feel there is a great deal to be thankful for. It would be strange indeed if in any one year of missionary effort there would be nothing to record of disappointment. Then indeed would the disciple be above his Lord. We have realized during the year that this mission field, as well as others, is a real battle ground,



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and that we need to have on the whole armor. We have met the great adversary coming from unexpected quarters ready to contest every inch of the way and to thwart the least, onward progress of the kingdom of Christ, but we have been enabled to remember that the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth, and the close of the year finds us with a triumphant ring of victory in our hearts and no room for discouragement.

The work of the year has been broken a great deal by the pulling down of the old church at Sz Pai Lau and the consequent removal to temporary quarters at Sheung Mun Tai. This church being so far removed from the centre of our work, has been very inconvenient for work amongst the women and children. Our Sabbath school, which was splendidly attended up to the time of our removal, fell from 175 to 75, and with all our efforts we have not been able to bring it up higher than about a general attendance of from 80 to 90, occasionally 100; the attendance once being about 130.

A large proportion of our children being quite small their parents were unwilling to let them come such a long distance. While urging their attendance at Sabbath school, I was asked if they were stolen on the way would I guarantee to restore them. This of course had a rather cooling effect upon my ardor, as such an undertaking would be a very uncertain and hazardous one. In this city I believe it is quite possible for children to be stolen in this way. We are hoping better things for our women and childrens' work when we get settled in our fine new church at Sz Pai Lau.

Our two weekly evangelistic and prayer meetings for women and children, held last year in the chapel at Sz Pai Lau, we transferred to the day-schools instead of Sheung Mun Tai chapel. These meetings have been full of interest and much better attended than last year.

Seven day-schools have been under my charge during this year. One of these, opened at Tung Mun at the request of a Christian woman there, who is a Bible woman now

connected with the school, has been supported by the Union St. Presbyterian Church of Oakland, Cal., who also support the Bible woman. This school has been very encouraging; opening with two pupils it has now more than twenty enrolled with an average attendance of about eighty per cent.

Here large numbers of women and children have crowded the little school room and listened with the greatest interest as we told them the gospel story. Several women have expressed a desire to be baptized, but have, up to the present, been hindered. One man from this place, who heard the gospel from our Bible woman, has been baptized. I attribute the success of this school to the fact that the church which supports it and me is a praying church, and it is an unspeakable comfort to me to know and feel that the pastor and members of this church never even for a single day forget to bear me and my work up to the Throne of the Heavenly Grace.

One school amongst the Manchus has been going on well during the year and the women have come out to listen in larger numbers than ever before; the school room very often being quite full. All listen with interest, and several say they believe the doctrine and would like to be Christians, but hindrances are in the way. Of all the women I meet none are more eager to hear the gospel than these Manchus, but it is a very difficult matter to get them to come to church. I am hoping when we get into the new church to be able to persuade more of them to come.

A school opened amongst the K'i Ha people (the soldiers) has been an interesting feature of our work. These people are exceedingly hard to get hold of. Efforts made before to reach them have been given up as a failure, consequently no Christian work is being done amongst them as far as I know. This school is moving very slowly; up to the present only four pupils have been enrolled, and one of these not a K'i Ha.

The teacher in this school seems to be completely "under the juniper tree," and is urging removal.

But the weekly meetings held in this school room have been largely attended; sometimes the school-room being quite full, and all have listened attentively, so I hesitate to remove the school, believing that the Christian missionary should not hastily beat a retreat and leave the enemy in possession. We pray that Divine power may work in this place and that our meetings and visits amongst these people may be the means of enlightening and leading some at least to Christ.

During the year 133 pupils have been enrolled in the day-schools under my charge. We have been urging as much as possible something towards self-support. This is an uphill feature of our work. The people amongst whom we labor are poor, and for the most part do not care whether their girls are instructed or not. Nearly all our pupils have been solicited either by myself or the Bible woman, which makes it all the more difficult to enforce the payment of fees.

The fees, however, from my schools during the year have amounted to \$21.00. Probably this is the largest amount received from any girls day-schools in Canton.

My visits to the homes of the people have, been, if possible, more satisfactory than last year. Everywhere I have been made most welcome and urged to come again. In fact, it has been quite impossible for me to visit more than one-half of the homes to which I have been invited. The Manchu people have been especially cordial. A visit to the home of a Manchu official proved very interesting. We were introduced to his wife and three beautiful daughters, and were having a quiet gospel talk with them when a request came from another apartment from the official himself saying he would like to hear if we would permit him.

The permission gladly given, he came in and listened with a good deal of interest as we read and talked to him of the Jewish Rabbi who came to Jesus by night seeking after the truth. We left a copy of the New Testament with him, which he promised to read. After being served with refreshments we prepared to take our leave. They all expressed the greatest

pleasure at our visit, and most cordially invited us to come again, which we hope to do shortly.

Six Bible women have been working with me during the year; one before mentioned being supported by Union St. Church, Oakland, Cal., and giving all her time to Tung Mun, and one old woman working on half salary. These women have done a good deal of work during the year; about 2,200 visits being made by them. These visits we feel assured will certainly bear fruit in the future.

Number of meetings held by myself during the year is as follows: Meetings held in chapel and school rooms, 211; meetings in homes, 57; Sabbath school, 47. Total, 315.

Thirteen women have been baptized during the year, being the largest number of women baptized in any one year in the history of Sz Pai Lau church. Some of these have come out under special difficulty, and all under more or less difficulty, and they need a great deal of encouragement. I have continued to assist in Dr. Beattie's boys English school during the year. The class is much larger than last year. Many of the boys seem to have lost all their prejudice against Christianity and join most heartily in singing Christian hymns, etc., and I am fain to believe that from the teaching and influence of this school the cause of Christ will be advanced in Canton. I would not be at all surprised if some of these boys would accept Christianity in the near future.

Report of Mrs. H. V. Noyes

During the past year the work under my care has been encouraging, and was as follows: first, at half-past seven o'clock a daily morning service for women was held, opened by a short prayer, that understanding hearts and retentive memories be given, after which a portion of Scripture read around in turn and explained. On these occasions some are taught to read, and we have had the pleasure of listening to new voices as time went on.

The Scripture lesson was followed by prayer. Next one of the Rev. Richard Newton's sermons, as translated into Chinese, is read, and much enjoyed by the women and children. At the conclusion of this the younger children are taught stories from the Bible, in picture books obtained at the Mission Press, Shanghai. Every Thursday afternoon a Bible study and prayer-meeting has been personally conducted. On the Sabbath, after the early morning service with the women and children, I had a class of boys at half-past nine o'clock, and at the close of the church service the women of the congregation are gathered for another service, at which they are questioned in regard to the sermon they have heard, and in addition to this receive further religious instruction from Sunday School colored scrolls. A blind young woman, a former pupil of Dr. Mary W. Niles' school, has added much to the interest on these occasions by playing on the organ and leading the singing.

Po Tai Shui has been visited regularly twice a week ; as the journey is made by boat, an opportunity is thus embraced to distribute religious literature to passing boats ; some of these boats go to the far interior. Our books and tracts are usually gladly received, although sometimes we meet with one who pretends as an excuse for declining that he does not know how to read. The doors of the school had to be closed this year, but as they were being closed the doors of the homes which were barred to us two years ago, were opened to us. A former pupil of the school died of plague in May ; he was a dear little fellow, unusually bright and interesting, and while in the school he had learned about the Saviour, and we feel sure he died a Christian.

Another incident connected with the Po Tai Shui school was that of a young woman who learned there to read the Bible during the first year, became converted and joined the church ; the second year she assisted me in teaching the younger pupils the Three- and Four-character Primers, and also Bible stories, using for this purpose the large

pictures that hung on the walls of the school-room. On the twenty-fifth of July she was married to Mr. Lui, a student in the Fa-ti Theological Seminary, and goes with him as he returns to New Zealand under the Presbyterian Mission of that colony.

This year another sermon, the fourth in number, from the book of sermons entitled "The Safe Compass," has been changed from Cantonese colloquial into easy Wên-li and forwarded to the *Child's Paper* at Shanghai, by request, for publication.

Mrs. Moke, a Christian boat woman who has been under personal instruction for the past six years, has assisted in the work, and also Mrs. Ho. Four women have joined the church. An interesting case was one who came a long distance with her husband to be baptised. They went back to their home and had meetings in their house on Sunday, and at the next communion season they came again, this time bringing with them their eldest son, a very bright young lad, and another woman; these were also received into the Fa-ti church. Hitherto there was no chapel near them; now, however, there has been one opened recently, distant from them only two hours by boat, and they will hereafter attend the Sabbath services at that place, where there is now stationed an earnest Christian native preacher, who was graduated from the Fa-ti Theological Seminary. Wong Lin is the name of that place, whence came to us that man and his wife, their son and their neighbor woman. It is a rich and proud region, and twenty-five years ago, when on mission tours with Mr. Noyes down through all that tract of country, I remember how the people of Wong Lin disliked the foreigner coming around there; and so, in those earlier days of itineration, about all that could be done there was to pray and work on distributing copies of the gospels and other religious literature and hope for better opportunity. To-day we are offered a piece of ground and asked to come and build a chapel in Wong Lin, for there are now many people who would gladly hear the gospel.

Report of Mrs. Fulton.

During the year the following work has been in my care : overseeing and teaching in the Sabbath school ; conducting the Thursday prayer meeting for women ; supervising the work of the three Bible women employed in the work of the First Church, David Gregg Hospital, and Pierson Dispensary.

Owing to our great distance from the Lafayette compound, the directing of this work has been at a disadvantage. I wish here to record our appreciation of Dr. Niles' helpfulness in the evangelistic work. Her presence on the compound and her personal work among the patients has not been without result. She has been a stimulus to the Bible women and has interested herself in the Sunday School, teaching a class when possible.

The Sunday School was superintended by Dr. Shi Mui Hing until her illness of the early summer, when Lok Sz Nai, one of the Bible women, took her place. Of the 25 medical students 21 are Christians. Four having graduated ; the remaining 17 are valuable assistants as teachers in the Sabbath school. It is encouraging to note the number of women and children who are attending quite regularly. The total number of attendances for the year is 6,562, an average of 152 per Sabbath, the largest number in attendance at one time being 334.

The woman's prayer meeting has been a help to us all. The study of the Life of Christ was continued throughout the year, and is but just finished. We take up the Life of Paul at once. The total number of attendances during the year was 1,163 ; the greatest number present at one time being 74.

The three Bible women preach to the patients of the Pierson Dispensary two days a week, do evangelistic work in the wards of the David Gregg Hospital, visit and instruct the Christian women of the church, and visit women in the neigh-

borhood. The Bible women and Christian women received a great blessing during the revival meetings of last autumn, which manifested itself in renewed earnestness and devotion to the work which is bearing fruit. The Bible women are becoming well known in the community, and receive many invitations into homes, even at a great distance from the church. Owing to their faithful efforts, and Dr. Niles' personal work, 13 women were received into the church from the hospital this year—six patients and seven work women.

Three women were received from the neighborhood, making a total of sixteen women. There are a few women who are sincerely inquiring, and we hope may soon come into the light. Last winter a Y. P. S. C. E. was organized for the women.

Our removal to our new home in February or March will increase our opportunities and keep us in closer touch with all departments of the work, and will, we trust, bring added blessings to us all.

Report of Mrs. A. J. Fisher.

Visiting the Sai Lung Lei day-school this year has been a great pleasure. The average attendance has been about forty. The teacher, though in poor health, has, with the help of her mother, done excellent work in teaching. After Chinese New Year several new girls came in from the country. I was greatly astonished to see how afraid they were the first time they saw me. I wondered why they did not come nearer when they came to bow and asked the teacher why one little girl was crying, she said: "O, you are the first foreigner they have ever seen, and some of them really believe that you want to eat them." After one or two more visits they outgrew their timidity and were quite able to come and recite with the others.

Two trips to Shek Lung this year afforded some very interesting and profitable visits among the women there. In February I had two Bible women, and with them made daily visits

to the homes for ten days and also held special meetings for the women in the chapel. These trips showed in a small way the opportunities that are there and the great need there is of work among them.

In the spring there was a Bible conference held for the Bible women. About thirty gathered in the Wesleyan school building. I had the privilege of giving five talks on "Methods of Bible Study" I had learned at the Moody Bible Institute. Although it required some study on my part to be able to make everything plain and easily understood I felt greatly repaid, for God blessed the effort. Many of the women came to me afterwards and asked questions that showed they really understood and appreciated the lessons. Nearly all asked to have another conference next year.

Report of Miss Lucy Durham.

From October, 1903, to September, 1904, I made seven trips to the country and ten to villages near Canton, visited seventeen chapels and held meetings in fourteen, besides those in unnumbered villages and homes where our scattered Christians could be found. The most important part was that of getting these women to work for others. After various attempts I succeeded in getting promises from women in sixteen places in San Ning, and several in other districts, to hold weekly prayer meetings in their homes. Two of these were on boats.

Five months later at a meeting in San Ning city, six reported having kept the promise.

When asked if any women had been converted since they began their work, five places reported fifteen women brought to Christ. Hearts overflowed in gratitude to God, and we held a consecration meeting right there, while a hundred women looked on with deep and quiet interest.

At first the women had said: "We can't read, we can't hold meetings." "Then just pray and talk about Jesus," I said.

"We will try," came in response. Even where there was but one Christian woman in a village she gathered her heathen friends together and prayed for them. In no place was there a chapel or a Bible woman.

Taking a small boat at San Cheung for itinerating, I found the boat woman interested in the gospel. She said the Christian boat women at San Ning sometimes came down the river, and they had told her of the true God. "Oh! they tell many people," she said. "Yes, *they* believe." Owing to heavy rains and flooded country, I did not get reports from the Yan Ping district, and have not been again to the other places.

Four Bible women were employed by me during the year, and two more for the summer months, all in country districts.

I also had charge of two country schools, one of which has cost the Mission nothing but the books for religious instruction, and has done an excellent work near the most remote chapel belonging to the Canton station.

The teacher at Cheung Pan was removed to Kong Mi in Shun Tak at Chinese New Year, and has a school of girls and women numbering twenty-two. The school-room and porch are crowded at the weekly meetings with eager listeners. The teacher was also a great help in chapel services, until the building was destroyed by men from a neighboring village. I have had partial charge of the girls school in the leper village. That is a most interesting place, as the pupils are eager to recite and so loyal to their poor blind and lame leper teacher. She now has help in teaching from one of her pupils. Dr. Niles and I went out at Christmas and distributed knitted articles made by the blind girls to the sixteen pupils who were examined.

They were made very happy for a little while at least. Altogether I spent eighty-one days in the country. When in Canton I gave what time I could spare to the wards in the adjacent hospital, helped in meetings of various kinds in Sabbath school, etc. I have also given a good deal of time to



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the study of the language. As a result of a paper which I presented at the ladies' conference, urging an occasional institute for Bible women, most of the missions united and invited their women to attend one for ten days, and valuable lectures were given, which were enthusiastically received by the hearers.

SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

Owing to Dr. Niles' residence at the women's hospital, the oversight of this school fell largely to me. The school accommodates only thirty pupils and has been full all the year. Two singing girls, of fourteen and sixteen years, applied for admission. We could not keep them, and to prevent their mistress finding them, I took them to Hongkong, and thanks to the help of many kind friends, placed one temporarily in a hospital and the other in a refuge. The Hildersheim Society promised to take care of them later. During the year, five have united with the church. Five are helping in hospitals and dispensaries.

One went to Kong Mi to play the organ and teach some blind children, but returned on account of the disorder there. The girls have filled a great many orders for knitting, in addition to their regular studies and work. There has been a gratifying growth in Christian graces in several of the girls.

Report of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Swan.

The past year has been fully occupied with work connected with the hospital. The interest manifested by the large number of patients who come to the hospital has been encouraging, and here and there have been those who have openly declared their intention of living a Christian life, even though they have not been enrolled as church members.

During much of the time Mrs. Swan has resided in Macao, where our boys have been attending the Canton Christian

college, which is temporarily located there. The two Bible women under Mrs. Swan's care have been superintended as heretofore and have done faithful work in the hospital wards and among the out-patients. Many are the instances that might be related to show how "the entrance of God's Word giveth light" and transforms the lives of those who for the first time have heard of the Way of Life while residing at the hospital. The most trustworthy position in the hospital has for some time past been filled by one who had been cast into the street sick and penniless, and who is now living a faithful Christian life.

In addition to the services of the two Bible-women regularly employed, the Second Presbyterian Church at the hospital has assumed the support of Mrs. Fung, who now resides in the hospital and works among the patients when she is not engaged in visiting members of the Second Church, thus rendering valuable aid in a most needy field.

The usual forms of evangelistic work have been prosecuted with vigor. The daily preaching services, Bible classes, etc., have been well attended, and an increasing attendance on the part of the Chinese is shown by the presence of many who reside in the neighbourhood of the hospital.

The two hospital schools have been continued as heretofore, though in August we were obliged to temporarily close the boys school for want of a suitable teacher; Fong S. S. having been suddenly called away after a brief and fatal illness. Mr. Fong is greatly missed from a position he has long and faithfully filled.

The pressing duties of hospital service and routine work have more than filled the time of those in charge. The presence of Dr. Todd is a great relief, and his unfailing kindness and patience is fast winning for him a high position in the estimation of the Chinese. Our greatest regret is that we do not have the full time of at least one clerical missionary for evangelistic work in connection with the hospital.

The following are statistics of the medical work during the past year :—

			Out-patients.	In-patients.	Surgical operations.
Men	...	...	20,125	1,509	1,341
Women	...	...	5,794	465	1,062
Total			25,919	1,974	2,403

Intimately associated with the hospital is the work of the Second Presbyterian Church, which is located on the premises. Growth and activity have characterised the past year's work. The attendance on the regular church services has been unusually large, and steps are now being taken to double the seating capacity of the main audience room, which now seats 700.

Early in the year the church suffered an irreparable loss through the death of its beloved pastor, Rev. Kwan Loi, who had long and faithfully served, not only as pastor, but also as counselor, friend, and guide. The church elders, with the aid of various supplies, have continued the regular services, and it is hoped that another pastor will be secured at an early day.

Report of Dr. Paul J. Todd.

The work of the past year has been very much the same as the year before in the study of the language and work in the hospital, but the hospital duties have increased so much the last year that it would be better to put them first and the language second.

With the increase of opportunities to labor in the hospital there is the increase of pleasure which comes to a medical missionary's life, for I doubt if there are many medical missionaries who would not rather go out and administer to those who are sick than to put in the whole day in hard study of the language. While my teacher has been engaged for five hours a day, I have not been able to use him half that time on account of calls coming in from the hospital and the city. If the work

had not been so urgent I would not have felt justified in leaving my study to do it, for I have felt that I have not had enough of the language to do the work as it ought to be done.

The hospital report will properly be given by Dr. Swan, so I will not give any statistics or even an outline of the work that has been done in the hospital.

I cannot boast of doing anything for anybody this year, but I feel that a great deal has been done for me. A great many false impressions which I had of the Chinese a year ago have been removed, and some impressions which I did not have of them then I have now, which I hope will make me better able to work among them in the future.

After all we find the Chinaman a man full of human nature, and among his other natural traits we find that he is not altogether lacking in gratefulness. I am sure I have found the majority of them so in what little I have been allowed to do among them this year. I pray that the Lord will broaden my sphere of work for the coming year. I know that if He can trust me and use me in His work He will bless me more than I deserve.

Report of Dr. Mary W. Niles.

WOMAN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE.

Dr. Yu Mai Tak.

The work of the College was seriously disturbed the second half of the year by the illness of Dr. Yu.

In May we, with many others, were called to mourn the loss by death of Mr. Richard Noyes, who had been professor of chemistry, and had by his hard and faithful work won the devotion of the class. February 1st, the John G. Kerr Medical School and Woman's Medical College held joint graduation exercises in the First Church, which was crowded with the friends of the students.

The Church was most tastefully decorated by the students. Dr. Selden presided, and the opening address was made by Dr. Noyes. We are much indebted to him for his earnest and faithful advice. Dr. Kate Woodhull, of Foo-chow, and others also addressed the class and deserve our thanks.

The number of students enrolled in 1904...	21
Graduated February 1st	4
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Total enrollment				25
Members of Presbyterian Church	9
Members of other churches...	11
Not Christians	5
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Number paying tuition fees	23
Tuition fees received in 1904	\$410.00

PIERSON DISPENSARY.

Assistants:—Dr. Shi and Dr. Loh.

New patients	3,461
Old „ (attendances)	3,760
Patients seen on irregular days	624
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Total				7,845	
Operations	57
Extraction of teeth	593

DAVID GREGG HOSPITAL.

Dr. Shi.

In-patients	...	...	...	...	...	193
Operations	...	...	...	...	...	45

Out practice—Drs. Yu, Shi and Loh.

Professional calls	...	...	...	...	...	313
Obstetrical cases	...	...	...	...	...	110
Operations	...	...	...	...	...	29
Cases opium poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	5

Prayers are conducted every morning at nine and every evening at seven in the College building. The College students, nurses, and attendants, as well as patients attend. The doctors and Bible women in turn conduct the morning service, while the medical students take charge of evening prayers. The nurses in training are all Christian women.

During the year, six of the patients have received baptism in the First Church. Others were anxious to apply, but were prevented by their friends. Three of the latter were able to read the gospels and Christian books, and were well grounded in the fundamental truths of Christianity.

Others able to read were glad to procure Christian literature to take home with them.

The union evangelistic meetings held in December were much blessed to us.

The Spirit's work was marked upon the hearts of the Christian students, and they were eager for service. Most of those employed about the hospital professed their faith at this time.

OFFICE PRACTICE.

Dr. Wong attended to my office practice until March 1st, when she opened private practice in Kau Kong. She also made forty calls for me; six being neighboring towns. Seventeen cases required operations.

I have made a number of professional calls myself, but not so many as in former years.

Ha Fong Tsuen dispensary has been opened every Tuesday and Friday during the year. Dr. Selden supervised the work till leaving for his furlough in June, when Dr. Boyd took his place.

Number of patients—men	961
" " " women	846
" on irregular days	220
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Total						2,027

Report of Mrs. J. J. Boggs, M.D.

The dispensary on Fa-ti has been open throughout the year, except two months in summer. The Bible woman, Mui Ku, has done good faithful work among the women in the Sabbath meetings at the dispensary and on dispensary days among the patients. She has also visited with me, and more often by herself, the women in the villages instructing them in Christian truth.

Mrs. Kerr's school for women, convalescing patients and working women, in the John G. Kerr Refuge for the Insane, has been under my care during Mrs. Kerr's furlough. The number of pupils varies; there have been as many as ten or twelve patients studying at one time, besides the nurses and other working women, and some make very good progress.

The John G. Kerr Refuge for the Insane.

This institution was under the care of Dr. Selden until June, when he went home for a much needed rest, leaving it in charge of Dr. Boyd. During the year there have been 110 patients; of this number 20 have recovered and returned to their homes. There are now 67 in the institution; four are Christians. One is from Foochow and one from Amoy. Some of the patients are able to receive religious instruction, and everything possible is done for their welfare in every way.

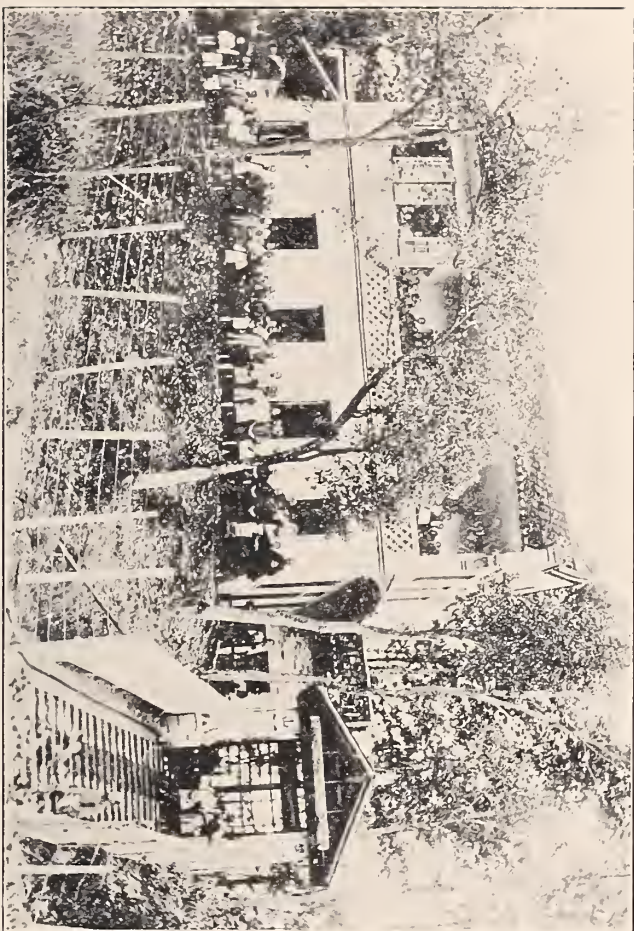
LIEN CHOW STATION.

Report for the Year ending August 31st, 1904.

In reflecting upon the year that has passed, we have much to be thankful for to Him from whom all blessings flow. Some of the blessings are: no floods, good crops, friendliness toward us of officials, gentry, and people; the semi-belligerent attitude of the gentry and people against the opening of gambling houses for a certain kind of lottery; the casting away of the god of literature and other idols by the students and the two Chinese teachers of English in the academy named Chung Hok Tong, under the management of the non-Christian gentry of Lien Chow; the large number of Chinese from several districts who have come before the church session as candidates for baptism; the willingness of the Chinese in the field, on the street, and in their homes to recognize the missionary and his helpers and to listen to the words of salvation; their eagerness to identify themselves with us in sickness and in health and to be influenced by us; the fuller understanding and broader interpretation of the essentials of Christianity by the older members of the church with the consequent closer walk with God and ever increasing interest in the purity and growth of her membership.

In October we had the double pleasure of welcoming home Dr. Chestnut from her furlough and Miss Patterson as an addition to our force of workers at Lien Chow. The Chinese felt as we did that they could not wait until the boats reached Lien Chow, so we secured two small boats to go to meet the party, which we did at the head of the last long rapid just below Lien Chow.

Having been blest with good health almost all the year, Miss Patterson has devoted herself to the study of the language and has completed the first year's course, in which she has passed a most creditable examination.



MARY WHITMORE DWIGHT MEMORIAL HALL, LIEN-CHOW.

The year has also brought its sorrows. As a station we mourn deeply the loss of our friend and fellow-missionary, Rev. Edward M. Scheirer, but we feel that, although his life with us was short, it certainly was not lived in vain, but will yet bear fruit unto life eternal.

Three meetings of the year stand out in prominence. The one was when volunteers for work in leveling the site, carrying stones and sand for the new church were requested. Great enthusiasm prevailed at the close of a rousing sermon by Li Yeung Shang from the texts in Exodus xxxv: 21-31 and Nehemiah iv: 6. In quick succession one after another offered their services; some for a whole month, others for shorter periods until over three hundred days' labor were promised. Almost without exception the people were true to their promises. Those that could not come themselves provided substitutes. As the most of them have a hand to mouth existence their food was given them. Mr. Scheirer set the example by using his hour for recreation in cutting down the trees on the building site. Men and women worked side by side. The school boys, who under Chinese training would have been too proud to work, seized poles and baskets and industriously carried sand and cobble stones until there was a good supply. Some women who throughout the day were busy, wishing to have a part, spent the early hours of moonlight evenings in carrying stones. Our faith in our fellow-Christians was thus increased and our hope for a self-supporting church strengthened.

Another meeting was when having received the appropriations from the Board we found that this year we could not increase the salaries of the helpers as it had seemed necessary for us to do. They were all invited to be present—preachers, teachers, assistants in hospitals and dispensaries, gatekeepers and watchmen. The question was plainly laid before them. Some were in need of an increase, but to increase salaries meant the closing of schools, cutting down the supply of medicines, or the withdrawal of the support of pupils kept in

highest point in the history of the church, being one hundred and nine. At the time of the writing of this report the work on the new church building is well under way. The structure is in the form of a cross, having auditorium, Sabbath school and session rooms. When the two main rooms are thrown together about seven hundred people can be accommodated. Should the funds permit, a building containing rooms for preacher, reception rooms, etc., will be built near the church.

The contributions of the two churches, Lien Chow and Sam Kong, toward evangelistic work, are now used to support a traveling evangelist, Tang Tet-on, whose work is to visit the scattered membership and also inquirers, in order to instruct them. In this way some of the Christians living at a distance have been brought into touch with the church again.

Sam Kong.—In addition the past year has been far in advance of previous years; thirty-one names being added to the roll. The church is still in need of active members at the centre to push the work. Many of the members showed a spirit of brotherly love in their contributions toward the building fund of the Lien Chow Church. The Sabbath school has met regularly with an average attendance of about thirty-six.

Kang Hau.—Two communion services were observed at this church and thirteen communicants received. Ham Kwong is the natural centre of the membership, and realizing this the Christians have contributed liberally toward repairing the building given by one of their number. Their gifts amount to about seventy-five dollars. The first service in this chapel was the communion in August, when the chapel was crowded.

Lam Mo.—Two communion services were held and eleven members received. A building has been purchased by the members and money is being solicited for repairs.

Ka Wo.—Until the present year this church has met for services at the homes of the Christians. Several years ago contributions amounting to about fifty dollars were made toward a building fund. The money was in the keeping of the

elder Li Yi-kum. As he had had the use of the money for a number of years, he gave a building that cost him one hundred dollars, which is well worth the principal and interest. Some repairs have been made, but more money is needed to make the place a pleasant church home. We trust that such a home will add to the life of the church.

EVANGELISTIC.

The encouraging feature of the evangelistic work has been the number of open doors, the discouraging feature, the failure to enter many of those because of the lack of men and means. At many places chapels could be secured if the appropriations were sufficient. The few Christians at a number of these places are willing to help, but they themselves cannot do it alone. Our hope to have a strong class in training for active evangelistic work has been unfulfilled for the same reason.

The employment of Tang Tet-on by the churches has added one to the evangelistic force. Li Shek-pun has been transferred from his home field to the work at Lam Mo ; likewise Li Yi-lum was transferred from Lam Mo to Ka Wo. Sickness has interfered with the work of Li Yong-shang, yet for the greater part of the time he has preached at the Lien Chow Sabbath services and at the street chapel. Mok Ten-fu, in addition to work in and about Sam Kong, has itinerated both in company with the missionaries and alone. Tung Pun-shek has been located for the year at Tung Pi, and has visited neighboring markets. Twenty members were received at this chapel the past year. The preacher at Ham Kwong and Kang Hau is Lyu Tet-tsyong. The activity of the Triad Society has been a hindrance to the work.

Of the many places open to the gospel, the work at Pak Fu and Tsai Ka-kong is especially inviting and hopeful.

The station has suffered loss in the death of the Bible woman, Yong Kwai-lan. Her field of labor was Sam Kong, but in the past two years she was compelled at times to give

up work and enter the hospital at Lien Chow. On the last day of March her sufferings ceased, and she entered the eternal city. The look of happiness on her face as she lay in her last long sleep was an indication of the joy that now is hers, and was in strong contrast to the hopeless wailing of some of her heathen relatives. Her last public act of service was in bringing a number of candidates to session meeting. She was unable to attend communion, and only five days later was privileged to enjoy communion in heaven, beholding the face of Him whom she had served in the latter years of her life.

Lai Wong-shi has continued her studies and also engaged in evangelistic work. She spent a month at Pak Fu and Tsai Kong instructing Christians and inquirers. Her faithfulness and zeal indicate that with additional training she will become a good Bible woman.

Wong Wuu-ha, Mrs. Machle's Bible woman, makes frequent visits to the Lien Chow city dispensary with Dr. Chestnut to talk to the women and made one trip to Pak Fu with Dr. Chestnut. She has a large class in Sunday school and is so enthusiastic in her work that she scarcely needs any oversight.

Pan Yi-ku, the blind Bible woman at the woman's hospital, at the request and the expense of the Sin Tsz official, spent a month at the yamên teaching the two women of the family and any others that were willing to listen. The two women were baptized at the following communion.

BIBLE CLASSES.

The enrollment in the men's department of the Bible class was over thirty: some being present for the entire time, others for a few days only. The more advanced pupils did good work in the harmony of the gospels, while catechism instruction was the chief study for beginning. Mr. Scheirer gave daily instruction in singing and calisthenics. Dr. Machle gave lectures on hygiene. The steriopicon lectures were attended by both men and women.

The Bible class for women was held soon after Chinese New Year. At Dr. Chestnut's suggestion it was announced at the close of the month of study that all those who wished to come next year would be received free, providing they passed a creditable examination in a prescribed course. Those who had previously studied, to have an advanced course outlined and the Bible women sent to teach them at any place where a class could be formed.

So far only two Bible women have been available for this work, the other one helping to instruct two women who had been chosen from the Bible class to be trained as Bible women. Their studies are under the joint supervision of Mrs. Machle and Mrs. Edwards. They also go out with the Bible woman when she visits in the neighboring villages. During the month of the study Miss Patterson gave the women physical culture exercises to their mutual enjoyment.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School for men and boys meets one hour before the church service, Dr. Machle acting as superintendent. The attendance ranges from forty to one hundred and sixty according to the state of the weather. The International Lessons are used. Six classes are formed: one for the Hunanese, one for Cantonese, one for Hakka, two for the larger and smaller school boys and one for catechumens.

The attendance at the Sunday School for women and children (Mrs. Machle superintendent) shows a steady increase, as also the interest manifested by the pupils. After her return from furlough, Dr. Chestnut kindly consented to take charge of the infant room; Mrs. Edwards finding it impossible to attend on account of illness and household duties. At Christmas the little tots delighted us as well as their parents by singing a very pretty Christmas hymn translated for them by Dr. Chestnut. The Sunday previous to our leaving for the coast there were one hundred present at the Sunday School,

exactly twice as many as on the corresponding Sunday of last year. The collection also shows a gratifying increase, but best of all almost the entire school commits the golden text every Sunday, whereas formerly only a small per cent. seemed able to do so. One of the teachers in referring to our contemplated vacation said: "While we cannot have our teachers with us all the time yet it is so comforting to remember that the Christ of whom they have told us is with us constantly and has promised never to leave us."

ITINERATION.

The first trip of the year was by Dr. Machle and family and Mr. Edwards. About ten days were spent at Kang Hau; visits being made to the surrounding market towns to dispense medicines and preach the gospel. On the return journey to Lien Chow stops were made at the main towns along the Lien Chow river, and at one point an inland detour was made and three market-towns were visited. The Bible woman that accompanied the party was able to do good service among the women.

The second trip was by Dr. Machle and Mr. Edwards to Hunan. After visiting the usual places the party proceeded to Sin Ten, where a chapel had been opened by those wishing to study the doctrine. Diligent inquiry was made in regard to their motives in opening a place for worship. As they seemed right the place was allowed to remain open and a preacher sent to instruct them for a month. As great care is needed in regard to candidates none have as yet been received from this place. Lan Chau was visited, where the officials were especially friendly, and one of the Christians offered to provide the greater part of the money for a chapel if it were opened and a preacher sent to instruct. The return trip was by way of Tung Pi.

On a third trip to Pak Fu and Tsai Kong, Dr. Chestnut, in addition to dispensing medicines, found excellent opportunity

to instruct the women and children. The evening service held in a village near the town of Tsai Kong, where a day-school was opened last year, was crowded; men, women and children being present. A service was held at the same hour by Mr. Edwards and two helpers at the market-town, attended by men only. At the communion service, the first held in Tsai Kong, seven members were received.

The fourth trip was by Dr. Machle and Mr. Edwards to Tung Pi.

The fifth trip was by Dr. Chestnut and Mr. Edwards to Hunan. The plan was to meet Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, of Chen Chow Station, Hunan Mission, and arrange for the transfer of the work. Mr. Mitchell alone came, and the arrangement was made that the oversight of the work in Hunan by the Hunan Mission should begin with October. Much opportunity was given for teaching, preaching, and dispensing.

The journey to the coast must answer the purpose of an itinerating trip to Ham Kwong, where communion was held.

EDUCATION.

Boys Boarding-school.—The boys boarding-school has been crowded to its utmost capacity. Floors and partitions were added until thirty-one pupils, five of whom were wholly self-supporting, could be accommodated. All others that wished to come were told that there was no room. Of the number, seventeen are taking the preparatory course and three the high school course, the remainder attending the primary department under Mrs. Machle's care.

In addition to their many other duties, the physicians have kindly given of their time to teaching in the school, Dr. Machle having the class in physics and Dr. Chestnut that in physiology. As the Chinese teacher engaged the past two years was needed at his *alma mater* at Canton, Au Yong Yen-kin, a member of the Sam Kong church and a graduate of the last class at Fa-ti, is employed as teacher. In the early

spring he passed the district examination and became a graduate of the first degree. His special success was in the line of mathematics, for which he was highly commended. This success has led a number of pupils to seek admission to our school. Had we the proper buildings they could be received, as they can in most cases support themselves.

The boys are taught the dignity of labor. They care for their own rooms and the school-room, carry the water and are called to assist in any needy work, such as the care of the garden, etc. They have shown a very willing spirit.

The progress in studies has been good with some exceptions. The religious life of the school is developing. At the Sabbath afternoon Christian Endeavor meeting a number are always ready to take part, and several have been leaders of meetings. Mr. Scheirer had come to take active part in these meetings, and it was a pleasure to the boys to have him present. During the latter part of the year Miss Patterson has kindly played the organ at these services, much to the improvement of the singing.

Girls Boarding-school.—This school has been under the care of Mrs. Machle and will hereafter be known in Chinese as the Kwong Wai Nui Shu Kun, or "Light for Darkness School." Mrs. Machle is looking forward with pleasure to the time not long distant when Miss Patterson will take entire charge.

Of the twenty-one boarding pupils, only three are not members of the church, but they are children of Christian parents and have expressed a desire to be Christ's children too. The teacher holds a meeting with the girls every Sunday afternoon, and they attend in a body the Sunday School held in the church of Sam Kong before the church service.

The school was closed for a part of last year for lack of funds, but through the kindness of the ladies of the Orange First Church in sending a special gift, it will be open all this school year.

The girls have a Dorcas society, for which they secure funds by laying up a portion of the money they receive for making thread. This money is divided into three parts : one for the church, one for themselves and one for the Dorcas society. This year they made a suit for an old lady in the church and a little orphan ; also single garments and trousers for others in need. On Thursday afternoon special instruction is given in cutting and making garments. Those in the upper classes that have learned to make Chinese cloth buttons and embroider flowers for their shoes are appointed to instruct the newcomers. The work in the vegetable garden is also divided among them ; a certain number of girls being responsible for each plot of ground. Last year one of the older pupils acted as teacher ; the girls under her care doing very well at the examination which was held this year at Lien Chow. At this time the girls were taught to sing a new hymn by Miss Patterson.

The absence of constant oversight by the missionary which the distance makes impossible, is clearly shown in many ways. As in years past, thanks are due both doctors for their kindly care of pupils when sick.

DAY-SCHOOLS.

Lien Chow.—The primary department of the boys school is under the care of Mrs. Machle. The boys are examined every week and the school visited at intervals between the regular days for examination. The boys of this department unite with those of the higher classes under Mr. Edwards in the daily morning service ; many of them also attending the Christian Endeavor meeting on Sunday afternoon. The teacher is Shiu Sen-shang. The number of boys enrolled is twenty-seven with an average attendance of about twenty-four.

The most of the children in the infant class of the Sunday School are gathered into a school during the week, taught by one of the pupils from the girls boarding-school at Sam Kong, and is under the joint supervision of Dr. Chestnut and Mrs.

Machle. Seventeen names have been enrolled, with an attendance of about thirteen.

Nai Tam.—This school has been under the care of Dr. Machle. Lui Sen-shang, an elder of the Lien Chow church, is teacher. An opposition school has been started and reduced the number of pupils from fifteen to nine. Attempts have been made to introduce a new and easy method of teaching, but the old teacher considers it a useless innovation and seeks every opportunity to run in his familiar ruts. The three years course of study outlined by the Mission has been followed. The pupils are far ahead in the Christian literature and know almost nothing of the classics, which the teacher seems unwilling to teach. We expect hereafter to give as much time to asking questions on what has been memorized as to the reciting of the text in their usual parrot-like fashion. During the year the teacher has held a number of services, and on the days the school is visited by Dr. Machle, religious meetings are held in the store of one of our church members.

Tsa Tsz Tang.—This school is under the care of Dr. Chestnut and was opened with the understanding that one-fourth of the teacher's salary was to be paid by the pupils. The schoolroom was also furnished by them. The attendance has been from ten to fifteen scholars.

The following schools are under the care of Mr. Edwards:—

Lung Hau.—Twelve pupils were enrolled. The interest of parents and pupils was not sufficient to continue the school after the close of the Chinese year. The teacher, Yong Kinsun, was transferred to Wong Pun.

Wong Pun.—This school has fourteen pupils, several of whom are quite intelligent. The teacher is desirous of studying Western branches in order to teach the pupils.

Tsai Kong.—Lack of funds necessitated the closing of this school. The progress of the pupils was not marked, yet the

school served as an evangelistic centre, and it was with sadness that we announced that the school would be closed.

Ka Wo.—Twelve pupils are in attendance. Two of the last year's pupils have entered the boarding-school at Lien Chow this year. One of the day-school pupils, a boy of thirteen, was received into the church at the last communion. Closer supervision would make this a good school, but the distance has prevented frequent visitation.

MEDICAL.

The year just passed has brought to the medical work its duties, opportunities and sorrows. The duty and privilege of making Christ known while healing the sick ; the opportunity of serving in various ways and showing the humaneness of Christianity ; the sorrow of losing from earth those whom we so desired to keep. Of the seven members of this station, four have been seriously ill. The three with dysentery have been graciously restored to health ; the fourth, Rev. E. M. Scheirer, who suffered from abscess of the liver has, in the providence of God, fallen on sleep, only to awaken in glory to do service in the presence of the King.

Men's Hospital.

The hospital has ministered mostly to those suffering from the common ailments to which flesh and blood are heir, some of which vex both physician and patient by their chronic state. Sad indeed it is to see in what abject poverty, rags, and dirt some of the patients live. Nourishing food—as milk, rice and cod liver oil, with that great curative agent, soap—does more to restore them to health than medicine. The Words of Christ, “The poor ye have with you always,” are verified at the Lien Chow hospital. When to poverty is added that incurable disease leprosy, which is so loathsome that the victim is driven by his own kin from the village home, pity finds no fuller outlet. Three lepers who have been driven from their village have attached themselves to the hospital. One of these, before leprosy manifested itself, having been cured of ascites,

believed and was baptized. A bark shed built upon the property of the Board just outside of the hospital compound is all there is at present for their accommodation. A former official gave us hope that a piece of ground may be given us by the government, but the buildings must be erected by donations from another source. We hope that in the near future our efforts may materialize in adobe houses and vegetable gardens for this homeless, helpless, and deserted class of humanity at Lien Chow.

A few improvements have been made in extension and repairs on out-buildings. A room ten by ten feet, Chinese measure, and two small kitchens have been built for the medical assistant and another helper. An apparatus that gives us hot water cheaply for surgical operations, cleansing of ulcers, etc., supplies a felt want. We have in contemplation the building of a new bathroom with fumigating and clean clothes room adjoining.

Two of the three wards of the upper floor in the main hospital building, altered and furnished for church services two years ago, will be used for hospital purposes when the new church home now building is completed.

The hospital lacks in its armamentarium chirurgicum many of the more costly instruments which, though seldom used, are absolutely necessary to the saving of life in special cases. New bedding is required, as nearly all was stolen one night at the close of last winter. Thanks are due Miss Kollock and others of Philadelphia for hospital supplies, such as blankets, suitings, cotton, surgical instruments, a vulcanizer, and a large sterilizer. Donations to the hospital amount to one hundred and thirty-one dollars; fifteen dollars from Rev. R. F. Edwards and the remainder in small sums from the Chinese.

Two small classes for the study of medicine and dentistry have made a little progress in their studies. In the dental class the work thus far has been principally a partial translation of a work on dental medicine.

The Lien Chow Chung Hok Tong has invited Dr. Machle to lecture in Chinese on hygiene. Owing to a dispute between the gentry and officials in regard to lottery shops at Lien Chow, it was thought best not to comply with this request until this fall, when we hope this dispute will be settled.

The religious work of the hospital has been carried on as in former years. Chapel service is conducted by the hospital preacher each morning and Bible study in the evening. A blind colporteur visits the patients each day, telling the simple story of the cross, his joy in the Saviour, and singing hymns which he explains. A number of patients have found Christ here and have united with the church. Many of the patients who have become interested in the Bible have received the first five books of the New Testament for home reading on leaving the hospital. These will be sought for in their homes by Tang Tet-on, specially set apart and supported by the Lien Chow and Sam Kong churches for this phase of the work. The colporteur Tang Che-kwong, under Dr. Machle's care and supported by the British and Foreign Bible Society, has sold many hundreds of books in Hunan province.

Two new dispensaries have been opened within the last year. The work in these places has mainly been given to Lo I-shang. The Shek Kok dispensary is twenty-four *li* from Lien Chow (eight miles). Shek Kok is a small market town, where from one to three thousand men barter on each of the six market days of the month. Four hundred and forty-four patients have been treated during the rainy season.

Lien Chow city dispensary is in the city chapel across the Lien Chow river. Patients are seen twelve days a month; six of these days by Dr. Chestnut and six by Dr. Machle. We hope to reach the higher classes, whom we expect to have pay for their medicine. This dispensary is not yet well known. Up to this time the total number seen by the two physicians is one hundred and fifty-one.

Women's Hospital.

In October Dr. Chestnut returned and resumed her work in the women's hospital, which had been in Dr. Machle's care during her furlough. She found everything in a flourishing condition; the wall which had fallen on account of the flood, had been rebuilt and many desirable improvements made upon the property. She received a hearty greeting from the Chinese helpers and was glad to learn of their faithful service during her absence. This faithfulness has continued throughout the year. Two or three have attested their faithfulness in a special way by subscribing the whole or a part of their salary for the coming year to replace the deficit in the appropriations.

Several interesting cases have occurred among the in-patients. One poor woman from a village several *li* away, after her recovery in the hospital, was for many months a faithful attendant at the church services. About a month ago she stopped coming. Just as we had begun to wonder very much what had happened to her, she reappeared. When asked the reason of her absence she burst into tears and assured us that she had not once forgotten the Sabbath. She had remembered every time, but her mother-in-law had kept a watch on her which she was unable to elude. Her husband too had beaten her cruelly, but she had stolen away at the first opportunity.

On Christmas day two poor pilgrims arrived at the hospital—a leper woman and her husband. They had come a great distance and were footsore and weary. Lodging had been refused them at all the inns along the way, and if the hospital had not admitted them, they could have found no refuge in Lien Chow. Although there was no suitable place for them in the hospital they were allowed to stay for a few days in some out-buildings until their feet, bruised and swollen from the journey, were well again. Then they returned to their distant village.

The statistics, as prepared by the assistant Wong Sz-nai, are given below :—

STATISTICS.—*Men's Hospital.*

Out-patients, Lien Chou Hospital Dispensary	...	5,563
„ Sam Kong Dispensary	... ..	471
„ Shek Kok Dispensary	... ..	444
„ Lien Chow Chapel Dispensary	... ..	99
Itineration, Hunan and Kwangtung Provinces	...	490
Total Out-patients,		7,067
In-patients, Lien Chow Hospital	... ..	379
Visits	... ..	131
Total,		7,577
Operations...	... ..	143

Women's Hospital.

Out-patients, Lien Chow Hospital Dispensary	...	2,532
„ Sam Kong Dispensary	... ..	1,745
„ Lien Chow City Dispensary	... ..	52
Total Out-patients,		4,329
In-patients...	... ..	109
Itineration...	... ..	1,020
Outside calls	... ..	21
Operations ..	... ..	52
Total,		5,531



YEUNG KONG STATION.

Report for the Year ending September 15th, 1904.

In our station this has been a year of many changes. The Lord hath lovingly tested and chastened us, and by His mercy led us into many spiritual blessings.

Mr. Patton returned from the annual meeting of 1903 accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce, who came to us full of zeal for their chosen work. They took up the study of the language with hearty enthusiasm and made rapid progress. We rejoiced because it seemed that our long prayed for helpers had come, and they by their cheer and encouragement gave a happy impetus to every form of our work.

Early in the new year we heard of the serious accident to Mr. Marshall on furlough. We do not yet know what the results of this may be to our work. It will at least delay the date of their return to the field.

On the 18th of April little Winifred Dobson, the only child in our station, was taken to the arms of Jesus, leaving aching, questioning hearts which only God the Father in His infinite love and wisdom can comfort.

Throughout the winter Mrs. Bruce had suffered repeated nervous attacks, and in June she was nursed through a severe illness. Her physical condition was proven entirely unfitted for the taxing life of a mission worker, and much to the sincere regret of the whole station she was ordered home by her physicians. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce left for America in July. Who can comprehend "God's mysterious way"? We can only trust Him for the future and labor and pray.

Dr. and Mrs. Dobson were both broken in health by the strain of the past year and are spending a couple of months in Japan to recuperate. So, with the exception of a native doctor to look after the medical work, Mr. Patton has the entire responsibility of the work of the station during the summer months.



AT HOME. Station and Hospital Compound.



ITINERATING. Wayside Comrades.

Report of Rev. Chas. E. Patton.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Holding the fort pending re-enforcements and strengthening of old lines have marked the year. At the beginning of the year, full of hope in the prospect of enlargement, we began to map out an aggressive campaign looking forward several years. News of the inability of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall to return from furlough as expected, then ill-health of Mrs. Bruce necessitating the return to the United States of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce, taken together with reduced funds for the native work,—all conspired to force upon us a “stand pat” policy.

While no enlargement of the borders of the evangelistic work can be reported, a considerable advance within the former lines has characterized the year. At present the following Chapels—Ko Chau, Faa Chau, Shui Tung, Mui Luk, Yeung Kong, Ngaa Shiu—bear all local expenses; are self-supporting except for the preacher’s salary, which is paid by the Mission. Each of the other chapels shows a marked increase for the year. The regular contributions of the 13 chapels show an increase over last year of 48 per cent. This increase over last year is the more gratifying in view of the fact that last year showed an increase of 40 per cent. over the previous year. A steady growth is thus indicated. Aside from this increase in the regular contributions, they gave during the year for special purposes, such as repairs, purchase of property or benevolent work, a total of \$474.38. This makes an average of \$2.27 for each communicant.

Additions of the church likewise reveal a steady growth. Last year we reported a total membership of 290; to-day it numbers 435, an increase of 50 per cent. of the previous membership. This gain has been proportionate all over the field and represents a natural increase of interest. It is the more gratifying in view of the radical stand taken in regard to use of official influence and aid in secular affairs. While a few turn

from us, disappointed in their expectations, induced by the unfortunate example of the French Roman Catholics, the effect of our insistence upon non-interference has been good.

For the 174 adults baptized during the year there were 224 others examined by the session, but not received into the church. Eight infants were baptized within the year.

The plague made unusual ravages this year in all parts of our field. Over 30 of our members passed beyond ; in large part due to the plague.

In the itineration of the year, a total distance of 1,060 miles was traversed.

The total sales of books by colporteurs for the year amounted to \$248.08. As most of this literature is of a low-priced nature, this sum stands for a good many pages of Christian literature. In addition to the above, \$565.30 worth of literature, text-books, periodicals, etc., passed through my hands during the year.

By means of assistance from the Chapel Loan Fund another group of Christians has purchased its own chapel. This makes the fourth chapel so secured, with an aggregate valuation of about \$1,000.00 ; saving an annual rental of \$85.00.

The *Yeung Kong Station Bi-monthly* has opened to us an avenue of communication with our many friends in the homeland. In its columns appear from time to time incidents culled from the history and work of the field.

Needs.

1. Spirit-endued preachers and people.
2. A man and wife to take the place vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce.
3. Funds for a residence for Mr. and Mrs. Marshall upon their return from furlough.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Closely allied to the evangelistic work is the theological training class. Our most urgent need is to place several trained men in charge of points already occupied. The theological training class is meant to meet this need. Last year

four men studied under me, of whom one died of the plague at the close of the year. This year we added several, bringing the number up to eleven. For various reasons, chiefly financial, we subsequently reduced the number to seven. The class so far has been carried on by means of private support; the Board having been unable to make a grant for the work.

The front part of my residence is used for study and recitation rooms together with a general students' reading



THE YOUNGEST "THEOLOG."

room. The students have the benefit of four different instructors this year. They have native classics, some Western studies, Church History, Evidences of Christianity, etc., under the three native instructors. I personally teach the biblical, theological, and homiletical courses.

The seven students have abundant opportunity for practical application of their studies. Each week three chapels, about ten miles distant, are supplied on Sabbath; in two schools daily morning prayers are conducted with a short talk

or lesson; and twice a week hospital dispensing days are cared for by the students in turn. When itinerating once in three months a student accompanies me, making the circuit of the field and acting as clerk of session, thus gaining a practical knowledge of all such questions as may arise.

Next February, the beginning of the Chinese year, three of the students will be given permanent charge of chapels. They will not represent an addition to our force, however, for these points have simply been held pending re-enforcements by resort to various expedients. The men whom they displace will have to be dismissed for lack of funds. This is hard; for though inefficient they have willingly done the best they could. Our Station is so undermanned that it will take at least two or three years more to fill each post with a competent worker. Our hope therefore lies chiefly in the theological training class. For years the prayer was for men; now we have the men, a little time is needed to give us a good working force.

In connection with the theological training class, a general class for the study of the Shorter Catechism has been held every Monday evening. The elders and leading members of the church with others who care to attend form the class. The attendance has averaged above twenty.

The evening English class of 16 men of last year, besides furnishing a room for their own and the use of the theological class, laid the foundation for a Book Lending Library. It now consists of about 300 volumes.

At the opening of the native year, the "True Light Chinese-English Learning Hall" was opened. This was an outgrowth of the evening English class of last year. Forty-three students are enrolled, all from the literati class. Four instructors comprise the faculty. A native teacher of wide reputation takes charge of the classics; a student from the Christian college of Canton teaches English with geography and arithmetic. I have an evening class in English as last year;

while Dr. Dobson gives a monthly lecture on physics. Mr. Bruce kindly assisted when other duties prevented my presence.

The Chinese-English school at an expense of about \$1,000 is entirely self-supporting. A large ancestral hall was rented, and, in the very face of rows and rows of ancestral tablets, we have our recitation hall and meet for daily prayers. No incongruity whatever seems to be felt by the natives. In the rooms grouped all about the hall are accommodations for sixty or seventy students. As it is but a stone's throw from the City Examination Hall where, during the year over 1,000 students will appear for local examinations, our location promises to be strategic. It will afford a centre of influence for the many friends of our students and others attracted by that event. A colporteur keeps literature constantly before the students. The reading table of a half dozen religious periodicals is well patronized. To penetrate the narrow-minded bigotry and prejudice of this class of Chinese is a problem. We rejoice in some apparent success.

The boys school has worked on a better basis than last year. Though fewer in enrollment, the attendance has been more regular and much better work done.

The Shui Tung boys day-school has increased from thirty boys of last year to fifty for the present. It is in large part supported by the local Christians.

Members of the Ko Chau chapel opened a day-school at the beginning of the year. It promised well until the ravages of the plague took a member or two and scattered the rest. On account of this misfortune a small sum was granted in aid; otherwise it would have been self-supporting.

Needs.

1. Prayers for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon teachers and pupils alike.

2. Funds to aid theological students during their period of study. Students for the ministry at home need such aid from the Board of Education and private sources; students here need it infinitely more. They invariably have families dependent upon them, and their very position often shuts them off from ordinary resources, due to prejudice.

3. A school building is imperatively demanded.

Report of Mrs. Dobson.

WOMEN'S WORK.

The prayers and companionship of Mrs. Bruce during her brief stay were invaluable, and it was a great sorrow to Chinese and foreigners to have her leave.

The Christian women have been more regular and orderly in their attendance at Sunday services than heretofore, and have showed much interest in bringing their friends to hear the gospel. The first subscription to the new chapel fund came from one of our women, an aged widow.

It has been a great joy to watch the work of Woo Ong-che as Bible woman. In her humble sincere way of teaching the Word, she has gained the affection of the many women who hear her. She has been well received in many places where entrance was refused a year ago. Recently while seated in the doorway in a neighboring village teaching the women, a stone was hurled with great force past her head against the opposite wall by a man of low character. It was a narrow escape. The elders of the village severely reprimanded the culprit and have guaranteed immunity from further interference. She bravely returned to her post to continue her teaching.

Slei Kwoo, the senior Bible woman, accompanied her husband upon his removal to Mui Luk. That is a wide field for her ; there being no other Bible woman within 80 miles.

The day-school has been closed, having no teacher.

Fourteen women have been baptized in Yeung Kong city and eleven in out-stations. From five villages come earnest calls for a resident Bible woman.

We acknowledge with hearty thanks the gift of a small organ from Mr. and Mrs. Bruce for use in the woman's chapel.

The ready helpfulness of Miss Noyes and Miss Butler during their school vacation has been highly appreciated. They have done much for our women during the short period when our local force was broken through ill-health.



OUT FOR A STROLL.

Report of Dr. W. H. Dobson.

MEDICAL WORK.

Hospital and dispensary work present a probable average this year. Totals of visits are somewhat lower than those of last year, while operations are about the same. However, patients continue to come from more distant points, and the average stay of in-patients has increased from 21 days in 1903 to 25 days during the present year. Several accident cases point to increased confidence in us.

One girl from a house of ill-fame was brought in for treatment. While in the wards she learned of Christ and declared her intention not to return to her old life with her owners. At a favorable opportunity made for her, she escaped to Canton, and is at present at school there.

A gospel training class has been organized for the hospital employees. Those who were not Christians last year have all united with the church, thus giving us a Christian hospital staff. We shall try to use these helpers in evangelistic work among the patients. In-patients manifest much interest in the gospel services held for them. The magic lantern does good service.

The Bible woman has done earnest work among the women patients, and a number have applied for baptism.

Through the lack of helpers not so much work has been done in the men's ward, and they, although interested, are not as responsive as the women.

The First Church of Jersey city have again given evidence of their interest and generosity by presenting funds sufficient to build a large operating room and two small rooms for operations on the eye.

Pipes have been laid, so that the windmill supplies running water at several points in the hospital enclosure.

HOSPITAL, STATISTICS.

Out-patients, visits	...	...	...	Male,	2,643	
				Female,	1,820	
					<hr/>	4,463
In-patients	...	...	...	Male,	150	
				Female,	74	
					<hr/>	224
Surgical operations	...	...	...	...	...	258
Visits at homes	...	...	...	...	...	45



STATISTICS.

Churches.	Elders.	Deacons.	Added on Examination.	Added on Certificate.	Dismissed or Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Communicants.	Adults baptized.	Infants baptized.	Sunday School members.	Contributions.
Fa Ti	2		13		1		97	11	4	140	\$ 53.00
1st Church	1	4	43	2	1		369	43	10	120	280.00
2nd Church	3	4	93	4		11	397	80	13	340	2,686.00*
3rd Church	4		139		71	7	333	138	5	225	1,183.00
San Ui	2		71	2		7	356	71	9		402.00
Tong Ha	1		26			1	287	26	4		196.00
San Ning	1		54		75	1	267	54	10		655.00
Chik Hom	1		123			2	613	123	10		465.00
No Foo	1		121		202	3	309	121	3		957.00
Wong Pi	1		35			1	134	35	10		75.00
Kam Ue	1		13			2	113	13	3		90.00
Chung Lau	1		16				91	16			184.00
Shek Lung	4		88		66	10	343	88	8	40	752.00
Liu Po	3		21		2	7	277	21	1	25	59.00
Yeung Min	1		32			1	251	32	1	30	37.50
Lung Tam	2						35				
Pun Fa	1						105				
Tai Leung	3		30	70	2		98	30	6	65	1,550.00
Tai Fun	3		38	62		3	97	38	1	30	627.00
Yeung Kong	2		126		4	17	274	126	22		485.95
Shui Tung	2		48	1	6	12	161	48			508.32
Lien Chow	3		109		5	3	272	107	19	151	187.73
Sam Kong	2		31		5	3	114	29	2	36	88.50
Lam Mo	2		11		2		115	11	1		75.00
Kang Han			13				36	13	2		80.00
Ka Wo	1		3				28	3	2		40.00
Totals,	48	8	1,297	141	442	91	5,572	1,277	146	1,208	\$11,717.00

* Of this sum \$1,400.00 was in the form of legacies to True Light Seminary, Woman's Hospital and 1st Church for evangelistic work.

Medical Statistics.

Hospitals and Dispensaries.	Out-Patients.	In-Patients.	Surgical Operations.	Visits in Homes.	Seen in Itineration.
Canton Hospital	25,919	1,974	2,403		
Woman's Hospital, Canton		193	74	313	
Pierson Dispensary	7,845		57		
Ha Fong Tsuen	2,027				
Yeung Kong	4,463	224	258	45	
Lien Chow, Men's	6,577	379	143	131	490
Lien Chow, Women's	4,329	109	52	21	1,020
Totals,	51,160	2,879	2,987	510	1,510

Summary.

Foreign missionaries, Canton ...	...	...	...	...	...	23
" " Lien Chow...	...	...	...	...	...	6
" " Yeung Kong	...	...	...	...	...	5
" " On furlough	...	...	...	...	...	4
Number of churches ...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Communicants ...	...	...	...	...	...	5,561
Received on confession of faith ...	...	...	...	...	...	1,297
Contributions in field by Chinese...	...	...	...	...	...	11,717
" Chinese for education	...	...	...	...	...	2,850
Number of chapels, Canton Station	...	...	...	...	...	62
" " Lien Chow Station...	...	...	...	...	...	4
" " Yeung Kong Station	...	...	...	...	...	14
Ordained native ministers ...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Preachers and Colporteurs ...	...	...	...	...	...	78
Bible readers ...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Teachers, male ...	...	...	...	...	...	26
" female ...	...	...	...	...	...	36
Medical Assistants, male ...	...	...	...	...	...	3
" " female ...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Day-schools for boys...	...	...	...	...	...	22
" " girls ...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Boarding-schools for boys ...	...	...	...	...	...	3
" " " girls ...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Medical college, women ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Theological seminary ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Pupils in day-schools for boys ...	...	...	...	...	...	494
" " " " girls ...	...	...	...	...	...	480
Pupils in boarding-schools for boys ...	...	...	...	...	...	180
" " " " girls ...	...	...	...	...	...	273
Students in Medical College ...	...	...	...	...	...	25
" " Theological Seminary	39
" for the ministry	11
Total number of pupils	1,503

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